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TOP FILM SPARKS TEENAGER ID CALL

CINEMA bosses in Welshpool are calling on teenagers to carry identification after rows broke out at the screening of comedy hit of the year Ted this week.

The film carries a 15 certificate, meaning it is only open to those aged 15 and over, and the Pola Cinema bosses said they had faced problems this week trying to enforce the rule.

Youngsters were turned away from the Berriew Street cinema and there were altercations between staff and parents who attempted to take children under the age of 15 to see the film which has been packing out cinemas throughout the country.

Seth MacFarlane's comedy starring Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis follows a man and his teddy bear, who comes to life as the result of a childhood wish and has become the hit comedy of the year.

by Graham Breeze

"A 15 certificate should not be confused with the 12A Certificate in which a person under the age of 12 may go into a film with an adult aged 18+," explained the cinema's Richard Thacker.

"Unfortunately we have had some instances where parents have tried to bring in under age children and we have not been able to let them in.

"If a person under this age bracket is found to be watching a 15 or 18 film, we will be fined and the cinema could lose its license to show films," explained Mr Thacker.

"There has been some abusive verbal behaviour which we will not tolerate at any of our cinemas from parents, children or teenagers because we will not put the status of Welshpool's cinema at risk."

Required

Mr Thacker said the cinema operated a strict ID policy for films with a Certificate 15 or 18. He added: "If a customer does not look the required age, ID will be asked to be produced. If ID can not be produced, admission will be refused, with no exceptions."

Teenagers are advised to obtain an ID pass through http://www.pass-scheme.org.uk/for-young-people/national-card-suppliers/#ValidateUK if they don't currently have one, to clear up any potential confusion.

Ted has received rave reviews since its premiere and attracted big audiences to the Welshpool cinema all week.

Business chief loses company legal fight

AN OSWESTRY businessman has failed with a County Court damages claim against his brother and former company secretary.

Cosmo Lloyd, trading as CGL Group Ltd, sought damages in Worcester County Court on August 15 against his brother David Lloyd.

He claimed that photocopiers had been purchased without authorisation under finance agreement for the company by David Lloyd and sought damages in respect of the settlement agreement with the finance firm.

David Lloyd convinced Circuit Judge Richard Rundell that the items had been purchased with Cosmo Lloyd's knowledge and the judge ruled that David Lloyd was not in breach of duty.

Dismissing the claim last Friday he said that the defendant's costs should be met by the CGL Group.

The court heard that Cosmo Lloyd had operated several limited company businesses in Oswestry. CGL Group Ltd was the holding company for Lloyds Timber Frames and CGL Developments.

Parts for a steam loco are stolen

ABOUT £1,000 of special parts for a 1951 steam loco have been stolen from an Oswestry railway yard.

Thieves stole the large, heavy metal boiler parts from the Cambrian Railways site between 10pm last Thursday and 10am on Monday.

Volunteers say this has halted some of the restoration work on an Oliver Velton engine as they will now have to get new parts made. It's thought the items were stolen for their scrap value.

Anyone offered these items should call police on 101, or call the anonymous Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111.

Fuel station bought for almost £1m

A SERVICE station near Oswestry has been bought out of administration in a deal worth almost £1 million.

Nesscliffe Services, on the A5 Nesscliffe Bypass between Oswestry and Shrewsbury, has been bought by businessmen Stuart Giles, Lyaqetali Amirali Mohamed and Altaf Amirali Mohamed.

It has led to about eight jobs being safeguarded and no redundancies are believed to have been made. The business was bought by the men for £891,344 on July 3, after it fell into administration in mid-June as Richard Philpott and Mark Orton, from administrators KPMG, were drafted in to help the flagging company.

It supplies fuel for Esso and operates a Londis grocery store. According to KPMG's report, the Royal Bank of Scotland was owed about £1.5m at the time of the administrators' appointment made up of a £1.1m loan, £344,000 overdraft position and bank guarantee to Esso. To date, the bank has received £750,000.

Unsecured creditors were also owed £367,000, made up of £87,000 to trade suppliers, £7,000 to HM Revenue & Customs and £273,000 in director loans.

A spokesman confirmed the business had kept operating while it was in administration and all existing staff had been kept on.

Missing man safe

A MISSING man from Pant was found safe and well on Monday night after police launched a search.

Nicholas Baur has been found safe and well in the Pant area of Shropshire.

A spokesperson said: "West Mercia Police carried out extensive searches to locate Mr Baur and we would also like to thank the public and the media for their help."

Devoted couple's joy

Albert and Joyce Walker are celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary today.

THIS diamond couple from near Oswestry are celebrating a special wedding anniversary today, Thursday.

Joyce Walker, 78, and her husband Albert, 80, married in Rushbury Church near Much Wenlock in 1952 and are still happily in love.

The pair live in Knockin and plan to celebrate their 60 years of marriage with family and friends over the weekend.

They have two children, Sandra and Malcolm, and two grandchildren.

Their daughter said: "They are very, very devoted to each other, are still in love and they look after each other."

Chamber to discuss priorities for town

PLANS for the future of Oswestry will top the agenda at Wednesday night's meeting of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce.

Kate Garner, Dave Parker and Tim Morris from Shropshire Council will speak on Oswestry 2020 – the plan for the town setting community priorities for new public and private sector investment.

An Oswestry 2020 steering group has been formed comprising community representatives, town councillors, Shropshire councillors and volunteers.

Other items on the agenda include footfall and the Oswestry joint economic board.

The chamber meeting starts at 6pm.

It will be followed at 7pm by the Oswestry Chronicle Business Club when the speakers will be Caroline Yorke of Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors and Sally Green of the Midland News Association.

Caroline, a family lawyer at the Oswestry company, will speak about her role as a volunteer with the Search & Rescue Dogs' Association and Sally will be dealing with response driven advertising.

The Chronicle Business Club is open to all members of the business community in the newspaper's distribution area.

Continental market day

STALLHOLDERS from across Europe will be meeting in Oswestry to hold a large continental market on its streets on Saturday.

Officials hope the market will bring many visitors and energy to the town and follow in the success of July's food and drink festival.

There will be food stalls from Germany, Poland, France, England, Turkey and Italy in the main town streets from 9am to 5pm.

Continental traders will be displaying a wide variety of unique and interesting products along New Street and Bailey Street.

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Trust chairman chosen for canal festival role

by Graham Breeze

THE third Maesbury Canal Festival will be officially opened this year by the chairman of the region's branch of the Canal and River Trust, organisers have announced.

Jim Forrester, chairman of the new North Wales and Borders Waterway Partnership of the Canal and River Trust, will launch the two-day event at 11am on Saturday.

Mr Forrester was a boatbuilder on the canals before working with a number of heritage and conservation organisations. Most recently he was director at Imperial War Museum North in Manchester.

After the opening Mr Forrester and other dignitaries, including the High Sheriff of Shropshire John Abram MBE and Shropshire councillors David Lloyd and Vince Hunt, will take a trip on the horse-drawn trip boat Duchess of Maesbury.

They will travel to Redwith bridge where the party will be able to see the volunteers of Shropshire Union Canal Society at work.

Judith Richards, festival committee chairman, said: "We are delighted that the chairman of the new Canal and River Trust partnership will be opening the event.

"This is the third Canal Festival at Maesbury and it will be the best yet. Boats are coming from the East Midlands, West Midlands and the North-West, and we have the biggest ever selection of crafts and sales stands."

She said there will also be a selection of demonstrations, entertainments and children's activities. A new miniature railway at Canal Central will be running.

The festival will run on Saturday and Sunday from 10am. It is organised by Friends of the Montgomery Canal and the Shrewsbury, District and North Wales branch of the Inland Waterways Association.

Storyteller Helen will tell tales at library event

A STORYTELLER will be bringing a bag full of tales to Oswestry to entertain youngsters and teach them new rhymes.

Children's writer Helen East will be holding the event at the library on September 7 between 4pm and 5pm.

Youngsters are invited to listen, share things and pass on stories and rhymes they may know.

The event is called Granny's Bag and is part of the Oswestry and Beyond Heritage days which will run from September 6 to 9.

Ms East said: "Granny's Bag is a traditional story about someone's grandmother who had a little bag she said was always full of stories.

"The event is all about passing things on, passing on knowledge, songs and games.

"Passing on stories is part of our heritage."

People are advised to prebook for the event, by calling Oswestry Library on (01691) 677388 or by e-mailing oswestry.library@shropshire.gov.uk

Strong men compete for title

Warren Jones from Oswestry in action during the Strongest Man competition.

MUSCLES were flexing at Oswestry's Strongest Man event on Saturday at the town's rugby club in Park Hall.

Competitors came from across Shropshire as well as Manchester, Bolton and Liverpool, to take part in activities such as the Farmer's Walk – having to carry two heavy weights in each hand across a distance; Deadlift – using an Olympic bar weighing 180kg; and carrying an anvil. About 80 people watched the event. The overall winner was 20-year-old Kurtis Payne from Norfolk. Second was Stuart Edwards, 25, from Bridgnorth.

The competition was organised to help raise cash for next season's rugby kit.

Sam Martin, event organiser, said: "The event went really well and people had a good time. No-one got injured."

Heritage of town marked at event

OSWESTRY will be celebrating its heritage next month with a number of tourist attractions offering free activities.

Oswestry & Beyond is a four day event running from September 6 as part of National Heritage Open Days. It includes Oswestry Museum, Tanat Valley Railway & Nantmawr Visitor Centre and Llanymynech Wharf Visitor Centre.

Mark Hignett, from the town's museum, said this is the third year the event has been organised.

The Dial-a-Ride service, based at Qube in Oswald Road, will be providing free transport to activities taking place out of the town.

On Thursday activities include a guided tour of Whittington Castle and a talk about Oswestry Castle at the library in the evening.

Friday includes Cambrian Railways Museum open for free, a walk in Old Oswestry and a chance to see the restoration project progress at Hermon Chapel.

Saturday will see a guided tour in Ruyton-XI-Towns, St Oswald's church bell tower open and Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site guided walk.

Sunday has some of the above events as well as others including Llynclys Railway walk, Llanymynech Wharf Visitor Centre and Park Hall opening.

Quakers mark 50 years of worship

OSWESTRY Quakers will mark 50 years of worship with an open day on September 7 from 10am to 5pm in their Meeting House in Oak Street.

There will be displays, videos, information and Quakers will be there to answer questions. This event is part of Oswestry's Heritage Open Weekend.

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Damaged statue is expected to return

A DAMAGED statue which has been missing from a town park in Oswestry for nearly a month is expected to return soon.

Cae Glas Park has been without its water feature statue after it was found that the bolts holding it down had become loose.

Town Mayor Councillor Martin Bennett said he called for the ornament to be put in the park as it lacked a water feature.

It was installed by the bowling green area of the park 10 years ago.

The statue is of a woman holding a jar of water. It has no official name.

Staff at Oswestry Town Council hope the work, which is being carried out by Stokes of England in Whittington, will be completed soon.

Councillor Bennett said: "It has been in the park a very long time. I was the one who was agitating for a water feature in the park. I happened to feel that moving water adds excitement to the area.

"It needs repair work to make it last. It has been standing out in all weathers for the last 10 years, I think we are fortunate it has survived."

Ex-patients at Games

THREE former patients from Shropshire's world-famous Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital are taking part in the Paralympic Games, which started this week.

Staff say they are proud to see three patients, who were treated at the hospital, being part of this year's event.

The three involved in the games are 41-year-old Richard Davies, 22-year-old Ryan Cockbill and 26-year-old Josie Pearson.

Record number of stalls on show at popular food fair

A RECORD number of stalls will be on show at the Welsh Food Fair, with thousands of foodies expected to flock to the event this weekend.

The fair will be held for the last time at Glansevern Hall in Berriew, near Welshpool, due to the owners selling up. But the popularity of the event should see it find a new venue for next year, organisers said.

The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday and there will be 115 stalls – with 30 per cent run by businesses new to the event. Festival chairman Bernard Harris said the influx showed that the food industry of Mid Wales was fighting back against the economic downturn.

by Graham Breeze

He said: "We're delighted that against a tough economic backdrop the Welsh Food Festival provides some hope for the food industry in Mid Wales.

"Events such as the Welsh Food Festival are so important to rural areas as they provide a platform for producers to showcase their produce as well as attracting thousands of visitors to this wonderful part of the world.

Tradition

"Montgomeryshire has a fantastic reputation for good food and drink and this festival is all about celebrating that tradition. There are so many benefits from buying local – the reduction of food miles, the reassurance of excellent quality food, and of course the enormous support to the local economy."

For the first time, the two-day event will have a brand new rural lifestyle and country living area, to sit alongside favourites such as food demonstrations from top chefs such as Dudley Newbury; donkey rides and gardening activities for children as well as live music entertainment by the lakeside.

The food festival was first held in 2005 after Hall owners Jenny and Neville Thomas decided to hold an event to help reconnect people with food and bring more people to the area.

Mrs Thomas said: "We are very proud of how the Welsh Food Festival has flourished to become one of the best in Wales. We believe that it encapsulates everything that is special about this wonderful part of Wales – the talent of the people, the quality of the food and the wonderful culture."

Visit www.welshfoodfestival.co.uk

Van driver had stolen bikes in back of vehicle

A WHITE van man had three off-road motorbikes worth nearly £13,000 that had been stolen from an Oswestry garage in the back of his vehicle when stopped by police, a court heard.

The bikes had been taken during a burglary at the Brookside Garage in Upper Hengoed, Oswestry, on November 1.

Driver Owain Chadwick and his passenger Anton Kost were stopped by police the day after the burglary in Wrexham, Shrewsbury Crown Court heard.

Kost, currently serving a lengthy jail term for conspiracy to rob, was arrested on suspicion of other offences but Chadwick was allowed to go on his way because the identity numbers of the stolen bikes had not been reported. When they were, the court, heard, they matched three of the four bikes found in the back of the van and Chadwick was arrested at his house.

Chadwick, 20, of Oak Drive, Wrexham, and Kost, 31, of no fixed abode, admitted three counts of handling stolen goods at a previous hearing and appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court yesterday to be sentenced. They both denied being responsible for the burglary. The three bikes have never been recovered.

Judge Robin Onions sentenced Kost to two years in prison, which will run concurrently to his existing sentence.

Chadwick received a 52-week jail term, suspended for two years, and must also undertake 250 hours of unpaid work and observe a curfew under tag from 7pm to 5am for three months.

Society season starts

THE 54th season of a recorded music society in Oswestry starts next week.

Oswestry Recorded Music Society will start its next programme of events on September 6 in the Parish Centre, in Board Walk.

Nurse ready for charity work

Nurse Rachel Leonard is travelling to Bulgaria to work with abandoned children.

A NURSE from Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital will be changing out of her uniform to spend two weeks volunteering in Bulgaria.

Rachel Leonard will be travelling to the country on Saturday and spending a fortnight working in a home for abandoned children with learning difficulties for the Bulgarian Abandoned Children's Trust.

Her home will be a small flat in capital city Sofia which she will share with five other volunteers. The trip will cost her about £500 which she has had to raise herself. She hopes this experience will create more awareness for the charity and donations.

She said: "With more awareness there are bound to be many more people who would gladly support the organisation."

A spokesperson from the hospital said the nurse's humanitarian work follows in the tradition of the Orthopaedic's Mary Powell OBE, who worked tirelessly with the World Health Organisation.

Cafe team hit peak to boost charities

A TEAM of fundraisers from a cafe in Oswestry have raised hundreds of pounds for charity by climbing Mount Snowdon.

The 11 team members from Jeanies, in Beatrice Street, had hoped to take part in a It's a Knock Out-style challenge at The Venue in Park Hall earlier this year but when the event was cancelled they still wanted to earn the money they had raised.

Some customers suggested they climb the 3,560 ft up Mount Snowdon and the team completed the task on August 26 in about three hours, raising about £700 for charities Cancer Research UK and the Movement Centre at Orthopaedic hospital in Gobowen.

Claire Edge, 32, from Oswestry and the manager of Jeanies, said: "We did it. It was absolutely agony and we had blisters and our legs are now in pain when we walk but it was worth it. It was a great day.

"We estimated that we raised about £700. We are absolutely chuffed to bits with that.

"It was an achievement. I want to say thank you to all the customers who supported us and donated to the charity."

Bands on bill at town gig

AMERICAN band OPM, known for its chart-topping hit Heaven is a Halfpipe, will be stopping off in Shropshire as part of its latest tour.

The Southern Californian ska punk group is to play at The Ironworks, in Oswestry, on September 5 from 9pm.

The event will have support from Shropshire band Thin Vision and Oswestry group Awesome Zombie Ants.For more information visit *the-ironworks.co.uk*

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Wheelchair users' guide to best venues in town

A NEW guide to shopping and eating out in Oswestry is being created for people in wheelchairs.

Oswestry and District Access Group has decided to create a book showing people where the best places for access are in the town.

Group members are now visiting shops, restaurants and other public places as they carry out research for the publication.

by Graham Breeze

Spokesman Angela Bright said: "The access group is trying to get information together to start a new book, a guide to going out.

"It will be for Oswestry and some of the outlying places.

"It will tell people where they can eat and where there is good accessibility if you are in a wheelchair.

"It is a lot of work and will cost about £4,000. We are looking for funding to help. It will be a book rather than a pamphlet."

The group has campaigned to see the town's Wetherspoons, in Willow Street, alter its access so people with wheelchairs were able to get in.

It also campaigned to see Santander, in The Cross, change its entrance. There was only one way into the bank and because of a large step wheelchair users couldn't get in and so had to be served on the street.

The bank closed for two weeks to lower its entrance door, remove two steps and carry out internal refurbishment so people with wheelchairs could go inside.

The group is for disabled people and parents with buggies and new members are welcome.

Anyone wishing to join the group or help offer advice about good places to visit in Oswestry should contact Angela Bright on (01691) 770016.

Legion meeting is planned

OSWESTRY branch of the Royal British Legion will meet on September 4 at 8pm in the Oswestrian, in Festival Square. Members and anyone interested in joining will be welcome to the event. For more information call the branch secretary on (01691) 653559.

The Broadplace centre at the Victoria Rooms in Ruyton XI Towns has one of the fasted broadband connections in the county. At the centre, from left, are Howard Bourne, Edith Hinds and Joseph Hinds.

Villagers go surfing with superfast broadband

A VILLAGE is enjoying life in the fast lane after receiving the quickest broadband in the county.

New technology fitted at Ruyton XI Towns, near Baschurch, means it now gets a superfast web service with broadband speeds of up to 80mbps – nearly 20 times faster than the county average.

The village came top in a nationwide contest to be among the first communities in Britain to receive the new Infinity broadband service from BT.

The prize included allowing the village to chose a public place for free installation of Infinity broadband – at a Broadplace centre – and The Victoria Rooms in Ruyton-XI-Towns were chosen.

Councillor Colin Case says: "It was installed in less than an hour," he said. "It is easily the fastest Broadplace by a long way."

Plug is pulled on event at 11th hour

A STEAMPUNK Festival planned for Llanfyllin last weekend was cancelled at the 11th hour.

The plug was pulled on the event, due to take place on Friday by the Live Sound Promotions company, based in Mid Wales.

Organisers said bad weather and poor ticket sales had been part of the problem. Some of the bands said they would still be playing but at indoor venues in the area.

Steampunk is a cultural event which celebrates Victorian era science fiction, fashion and fantasy.

A spokesman for Live Sound Promotions apologised for the cancellation.

"We thank everyone for their support and deeply regret having to come to the decision.

"The recent bad weather and band Abney Park pulling out all led to drastically reduced ticket sales. We had no option but to cancel."

The festival was due to take place under a large marquee at the venue, a former Victorian workhouse and old people's home which is now an arts centre.

Food and clothes stalls, bars, film shows and camping were being offered in addition to a programme of live music and DJs. One thousand tickets at £45 for the weekend had been on sale.

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18 redundancies as car parts firm hits trouble

A LEADING car parts firm has been placed into administration and 18 redundancies made just months after winning a £12 million contract with Vauxhall.

Administrators were called in to former Welshpool company Cobra UK – which counts Vauxhall, Audi and Volvo among its customers – by multi-national bank Santander.

The company – which makes car trim, flooring and covers – moved to a 70,000sq ft base in Wrexham earlier this year with the 49 staff from Mid Wales offered jobs at the new factory. But BDO LLP business restructuring partners, Kim Rayment and Tracey Pye, were appointed joint administrators over Cobra UK Automotive Products Division Limited last Thursday.

Kim Rayment said: "Unfortunately the economic climate and difficult trading conditions significantly affected the business.

"The joint administrators are taking all necessary steps to mitigate losses to creditors and, going forward, will seek to maximise recoveries for the benefit of all creditors.

"Regrettably, it was necessary on Tuesday to make 18 employees redundant – 120 employees continue to be employed."

The joint administrators are continuing to trade the company with a view to achieving a sale of the business as a going concern

Gary Seale, managing director, said the company had been negotiating a major deal when Santander called in the administrators.

He said: "We are working with the administrators to try and rescue the deal with a major German company and doing everything possible to save the jobs involved."

One employee, who did not wish to be named, said: "It is just unbelievable news. When the big deal was struck with Vauxhall and the main part of the business was moved to Wrexham it seemed like it was the dawning of a new era for the firm and then this happens. I know a lot of people have relocated from Mid Wales to the Wrexham area for the work, I dread to think how they must be feeling at the moment."

Graham Breeze

Jazzetry first may lead to more events

MUSIC and words are being brought together at a jazz and improvisation workshop in Shropshire.

Performance poet Neil McKeown and jazz and improvisation musician Barry Edwards have organised an event called Jazzetry.

It is for people who want to see their words and poems put to improvised music.

This will be the first time the workshop has taken place in Oswestry and will be at The Ironworks on September 15, 2pm-6pm.

Other instrumentalists are also welcome. If successful the two artists would like to start an open mic night from the autumn.

Neil McKeown said: "The idea is to encourage a lot of people into music. Jazzetry aims to encourage this mixing of words and music, and we are interested in compiling a register of musicians."

Painting project

Rachel Edwards and Lucy Forse, six, get ready to paint.

PEOPLE in Oswestry got the chance to paint large boards with illustrations of their favourite parts of the town for a community art project.

Rachel Edwards, from Oswestry, took along large pieces of hardboard to Bailey Head for people to paint.

She hopes the finished pieces will be displayed in Powys Market Hall. It was organised under the name REplay It, and artists from Chicken Gallery, based in Coney Green, were on hand to offer painting and drawing tips.

Rachel said: "I have been involved in something similar in Bristol where there were hundreds of people painting."

Training room bid submitted at stables

A STORAGE building near Oswestry has been transformed into a training room and office for an equestrian centre.

The building at Tedsmore Stables, in Tedsmore West Felton, is two storeys and had been for storage.

An application has been submitted to Shropshire Council to gain full planning permission for the conversion and change of use.

It has been changed with two new windows and a new door. All other windows and doors were refurbished and replaced where necessary.

Inside it is an open plan training room and office space separated by one wall.

The room will be used by a new tenant at the stables.

A statement from Charles Lawson, of Forge Property Consultants Ltd, said: "We consider this work to be an excellent opportunity to maintain a historic building, while also being a financially sensible option for the applicant. The proposal will in turn improve the local area and provide a work area for the incoming tenant."

Music on the bill

MUSIC will be played by The Vinylettes at a pub in Oswestry. They will be at The Fox Inn, in Church Street, on Saturday from 9pm. The theme of the event will be Back To School.

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Another record-breaking results day for GCSE pupils

Xenia Alice Bailey and Victoria Edwards take a look at their results at The Marches School in Oswestry.

Laura Haysell, right, from Welshpool High School, got 12 GCSEs and a hug from friend Ceri Woosnam.

by Graham Breeze

HUNDREDS of nervous teenagers across Shropshire and Mid Wales received their GCSE results last Thursday – with some schools claiming best ever figures.

Shropshire's largest secondary school, The Marches in Oswestry, reported a record-breaking set of results, with a four per cent rise in students getting the top grades.

Ninety-two per cent of pupils achieved five or more A*-C grades, every one of the 244 pupils gained at least one A*-C, and 99 per cent of youngsters achieved at least five passes.

Sarah Longville, headteacher, said: "What a wonderful way to celebrate our first year as an academy."

Llanfyllin High School, in Powys, reported that 92 per cent of its pupils gained five or more A*-C grades or equivalent, with 72 per cent getting the top grades in English/Welsh and maths.

Students at Oswestry School achieved a 100 per cent pass rate. Forty per cent of the grades were A* or A, while 82 per cent of were A*-C.

Head Douglas Robb said: "Pupils and staff are to be congratulated after working so hard."

And at Moreton Hall, an independent school for girls near Oswestry, 90 per cent of grades were from A* to B.

Staff and pupils at Welshpool High School were also celebrating, and head teacher Jim Toal congratulated students and staff for another very good year for GCSE results.

He said: "The students deserve the warmest congratulations for their achievements and I would like to thank the team of dedicated staff for their support.

"Sixty-three per cent of our students achieved 5 A*-C passes or more, including the very important GCSEs of English and mathematics and 77 per cent of students achieved five A*-C passes overall.

"We are also very pleased that there was a 100 per cent pass rate for BTEC courses and none of the students left without a recognised qualification.

At Rhyn Park in St Martins, over 90per cent gained five or more A*-C passes, a significant increase in the students with five-plus A*-Cs including English and maths and an increase in the number of students who achieved A* and A grades.

Headteacher Nigel Keates said: "I am delighted that our students have done so well this year."

At The Marches School in Oswestry, from left, Victoria Ratcliffe, eight GCSEs, friend Karen Boylin, Leanne Jones, seven GCSEs, Vince Jones and Chloe Jones.

At Rhyn Park School in St Martins were, back from left, Lauren Hauton, Deanna Felton, Jamie McGowan, Lloyd Hughes, Kieran Jones, Ben Edwards and Lauren Drury. In front is Rebecca Davies.

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At Oswestry School, from left, Jamie McMurray, Darcie Farnsworth, Robin Edwards, Matthew Masters, Leon Parkes, back, and Matteo O'Mahoney.

Natalya a star pupil with 12 top grades

by Graham Breeze

NATALYA Khan is certainly a star pupil at Moreton Hall School.

The 16-year-old had 12 A*s in her GCSE results, to her amazement and the delight of her parents, Anna and Jonathan.

The teenager has not been able to stop smiling since logging onto to her computer at her home on the outskirts of Welshpool. "I was laughing and my mum was crying," she said.

Her subjects included some not often seen. As well as English maths and science Natalya opted for languages: French, German, Latin and Greek.

"I would like to study the classics at university," she said. As well as studying Natalya still has time for her hobbies, including her music. She plays the violin and piano.

Meanwhile, at Adcote School, all of pupils achieved the equivalent of at least five passes at grades A*-C and 90per cent were awarded A*-C grades.

A* passes were awarded for a wide range of subjects including English, mathematics, science, French, music, and religious education.

Deputy head girl elect, Evie Ford, and Charlotte Price both received the equivalent of 13 GCSEs, each with six at grade A* and six As.

Ysgol Rhiwabon Headteacher, Angela Williams, was keen to congratulate students, parents and staff on the school's results, which showed continued improvement. The percentage of students gaining 5 A* to C grades, or the equivalent, rose for the third year running by 19per cent to a record 91 per cent.

She paid tribute to the achievements of all the Year 11 cohort. She said: "97 per cent of our students gained five or more passes and all gained at least one recognised qualification. In addition, in the first year of the pre-16 Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification, our students achieved 100 per cent success rate".

Individual top performers were Cameron Doolan, Corin Doolan and Megan Davies. Collectively, these students achieved eight A* and 23 A grades.

Grace Gardner, from Four Crosses, with 11 As in her GCSEs at Welshpool High School.

Laura Jones, with 12 GCSEs and Alicia Mooney, with 11 GCSEs, both from Welshpool High School.

Moreton Hall School pupil Natalya Khan got 12 A*s in her GCSE results.

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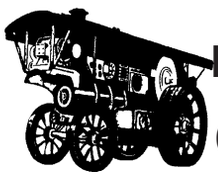

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Ted sparks crazy real-life drama in cinema queue

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN
with Graham Breeze

WHO would have thought a giant teddy bear could cause so much trouble?

Ted, Seth MacFarlane's comedy starring Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis, follows a man and his teddy bear, who comes to life as the result of a childhood wish.

And the film has been causing a real stir at Welshpool's Pola Cinema with film goers turning out in their droves. The trouble is many under 15 year olds have been trying to get through the doors despite the fact that the film has a '15' rating.

Cinema bosses also report that parents have become abusive when their youngsters were refused admission but rules are rules.

It's perhaps forgivable for a 14 year old to want to see the film which has been packing out cinemas throughout the country but there is no excuse for parents kicking off. What sort of example is that to set?

The problem for owners is that being caught breaking the rules can have devastating consequences which includes the closure of their cinemas. I happen to know just how passionate the family running The Pola are about maintaining a cinema presence in Welshpool. So it really is time for parents to show some common sense.

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BUSINESSES with any concerns about the future should make sure they are represented at Oswestry Chamber of Commerce meeting at The Wynnstay Hotel next Wednesday. Shropshire Council officers will talk about Oswestry 2020, which is the future plan for the town setting community priorities for new public and private sector investment. A steering group has been formed comprising community representatives, councillors and volunteers.

This is the real thing and the perfect opportunity to let everyone know just how important the town centre is, particularly at a time when all the talk seems to be about out-of-town investment and shopping.

It's all too easy to criticise decisions and developments but Oswestry 2020 is the best chance there will ever be to contribute to the future wellbeing of Oswestry.

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THE depth of the financial problems facing industry were never better highlighted than with the news that CobraUK has the administrators trampling all over their new offices at Wrexham. The company packed up and left its Welshpool headquarters just a few months ago with the promise of jobs for all the staff at Wrexham following the clinching of a multi-million pound contract from Vauxhall and a full order book from other major manufacturers.

But today's bank managers do not have the patience of their predecessors and, like many other companies, Cobra saw the door to the bank vault slammed firmly shut.

The shame is that with orders healthy the situation could have been so different. Let's hope the remaining jobs can be protected.

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AND finally I witnessed a strange breed of footballing groundhoppers this week and wondered just what drives such people to such extreme lengths.

For the uninitiated groundhoppers travel the country by bus, train and car determined to visit as many football grounds as possible.

What a strange bunch they are. Constantly chattering about goals they have seen, referees they have berated and pies they have eaten at far flung venues.

Keep going lads – there's nothing so strange as folk!

Students' thriller movie stars ex-Brookside actor

by Sue Austin

STUDENTS from Shropshire have spent their summer holidays in Chirk helping to create a full-length feature film starring former Brookside actor John McArdle.

The teenagers were among those taking part in the making of the latest movie from the Co-operative British Youth Film Academy.

They spent five weeks creating the full-length feature film, Friends of Monday.

During the final week of filming while on location at Brynkinalt Hall, Chirk, Mr McArdle, known for playing Billy Corkhill in Brookside as well as roles in Gallowglass, Merseybeat and Waterloo Road, joined the students to appear in their film.

The new film is a tale of murder and power that pays homage to the detective thrillers of the 1940s. The hall, the ancestral home of the Trevor family, is home to John McArdle's character in the film.

Dee Young, head of school for art, media, ICT and sport at Shrewsbury College, said: "It is fantastic to be able to offer this opportunity and remarkable to see the students grow in confidence and technique during their time with the film academy – we look forward to seeing their hard work appear on the silver screen."

Platform

The film reunited film-maker Adam Lee Hamilton with Mr McArdle, who also starred in the film The Rochdale Pioneers, a movie by The Co-operative British Youth Film Academy filmed earlier this year.

Adam Lee Hamilton also directed Henry IV Part I at Shrewsbury College last year and enjoyed a red carpet screening in Manchester earlier this summer.

Mr Hamilton, said: "The youth film academy is a platform for young talent.

"Some don't even realise that they have got talent and ability but when you show them the possibilities it is amazing to see the change in them.

"When we see the film on the big screen it will be a proud moment for me, not least because it showcases the achievements of the young people involved in all aspects of its production.

"The film industry is notoriously hard to break into and it is the film academy's aim to break down those barriers, making this opportunity accessible to all."

He added: "Through the co-operative's investment in the next generation of film-makers we can give more young people than ever before the chance to seize this unique opportunity."

The academy is a co-operative of colleges and universities and students are mentored by professionals from the worlds of film and education and offered everything from acting to make-up, wardrobe to camera and, post-production through to the red carpet experience.

It is backed by The Co-operative Group whose £1.2 million six-year partnership forms an integral part of its commitment to inspiring young people.

Former Brookside actor John McArdle, left, with students filming at Chirk.

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WILL POLISH WIFE'S OVERSEAS PENSION BE INCLUDED IN DIVORCE SETTLEMENT?

Q: Ten years ago my brother married a Polish dentist. She moved to the UK when they married and immediately started work with a local practice and began paying into a UK pension scheme. Prior to that she had worked and paid into a pension scheme in Poland for eight years. They don't have any children and my brother has not paid into a private pension scheme. Sadly their marriage is not working out and my brother wants a divorce. I said his wife's Polish pension would be taken into account in the divorce settlement but he disagrees. Which of us is right?

A: As is the case with all matrimonial assets under current UK law, your sister-in-law's pension entitlement will be taken into account when the assets are split - irrespective of the country it is held in. She and your brother will both be required to make a full and frank disclosure of all their assets and the Court will apply Section 25 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 to decide who is entitled to what in the ancillary relief divorce proceedings. The outcome of the Court's decision will depend on each party's respective needs.

Your sister-in-law could claim that her Polish pension is a pre-acquired asset, but unless the couple entered into a pre-nuptial agreement to that effect it is unlikely the Court would uphold her claim. Not all overseas pensions' providers may however be able to 'share' pensions as we can in the UK, in which case it could be that the value of the pension would be offset against another asset within the marriage. Clearly every case is individual and where circumstances fall outside the 'normal spectrum' it is particularly wise to seek advice as early as possible.

Further information relating to this question is available from Alison Monaghan, a Solicitor Advocate with GHP Legal. For information relating to any other legal matter please call GHP Legal on 01691 659194, visit www.ghplegal.co.uk or attend one of our FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday 12-3pm (no appointment necessary).

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George's guess wins him bags of sweets

A NINE-year-old Oswestry boy can look forward to a sweet treat or two after winning a competition organised by the town's Qube charity.

The Qube, on Oswald Road, is celebrating its 10th birthday this month and it ran a competition asking youngsters to guess how many bags of sweets were in a specially made glass cube.

The charity ran the competition at this year's Oswestry Show where it had an information stall.

Nine-year-old George Corn was the lucky winner of the competition when he visited the stand and correctly guessed how many bags there were in the cube.

Tonia Parry, from the Qube, said: "George popped into Qube with his mum and sister to pick up the sweets and also took the opportunity to take a look at the Peg Dollies 2012 exhibition.

"Asked which was his favourite sporting peg in the exhibition, George replied that he liked them all.

"Qube Dial-a-ride had a busy day at Oswestry Show, chatting to people about their services and giving away leaflets and also ran the guess the number of sweets competition which attracted many sweet toothed visitors to the stand."

Staff at Qube said the stand at Oswestry Show allowed them to promote the services of the charity to local people.

"Events like this really help to highlight to people that there is this service in the town.

"It is also an opportunity to say thanks to the volunteer drivers and passenger escorts who ensure that the Dial-a-ride service can run," said Michelle Kelsall, transport operations officer at Qube.

Staff and volunteers at the Qube have staged various activities throughout August to celebrate its 10th birthday.

The Qube fills many roles in the town including as an art gallery, a transport hub and a volunteering centre.

Scarecrow hunt

PEOPLE of all ages are being encouraged to take part in a scarecrow hunt. The event is being organised by West Felton School on September 30 from 11.30am to 3pm. Maps, which cost £3 per family, will be available. For details call (01691) 610972.

Look at the figures on cycle crashes

OVER the past few weeks I have read stories and letters making convoluted arguments about why we should not wear cycle helmets.

One article suggested that compulsory wearing of helmets would reduce the number of cyclists, quoting the Australian model as an example.

I do not intend to argue the rights and wrongs of making it compulsory to wear helmets. I would only ask cyclists to look at the statistics.

These are only the tip of the iceberg as not all accidents are reported if nobody else is involved. As is the case with my accident.

Back in February, less than a mile from home, my cycle slipped on a damp bend in the road. It was mild and ice was not involved. The very first point of contact with the road was my head.

The impact was so severe I thought my helmet had fallen off. It had not. To this day I am still shocked at the severity of the impact. I was travelling at 10mph to 12mph.

Following a night in A&E, I returned home at about 6.30am the next day with several broken bones and bruises.

Recovering

My accident would not have shown on the 2012 statistics as I did not report it. If it had been reported it would probably be in the 'slightly injured' category, even though I am still recovering.

How many other such accidents are happening? We may never know the true figure. How any sensible person can make an argument that suggests there would be more injuries resulting from the compulsory wearing of cycle helmets, is beyond me.

Those that have concocted stories and reasons for not wearing helmets should be ashamed of themselves.

They probably switch off their airbags and do not wear seatbelts for short journeys.

In my opinion, it should not be necessary for compulsory legislation requiring the wearing of helmets. Just look at the facts and remember that the first point of contact in an accident will be the head.

MIKE BICKFORD
Oswestry

Elsewhere today we dip into the memoirs of the late Mrs Doris Barrow, a former Oswestry mayor, and also for many years a shopkeeper in the town. This photograph from Doris's memoirs shows her grandmother Susan Evans, who is pictured in the doorway of the shop she kept on the corner of Castle Street and Willow Street.

Private sector is ripping off public

WE are constantly assured in the press that private enterprise equals more choice, greater efficiency and lower costs.

The reality reveals to us that private enterprise usually equals a ripped-off taxpayer. In evidence I submit our privatised railways and utilities. I would add a thousand quangos, wind farm manufacturers and housing associations – all have their greedy paws deep in the public purse.

I remember British Rail. The trains ran on time and I could afford to travel on them and have the luxury of a seat.

That national rail service was then subsidised by the taxpayer. It was privatised, a move that has resulted in the worst railway service in Europe with fares 10 times higher than anywhere else and our railways now receive twice the rate of public subsidy that British Rail used to get.

Wind farms – an unproven energy policy drawing generous public subsidies through a £20 addition on everyone's energy bills. Housing associations – a private enterprise racket that has its own, built-in bonus called housing benefit. Private landlords have only to pitch their rents just above what the tenant can afford, certain in the knowledge that it will be covered by the government with housing benefit. In other words, landlords can win the lottery every week without buying a ticket!

I would point out to the 'private sector' that the person who invented it many years ago, a chap called Dick Turpin, had the decency to at least to wear a mask.

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

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Don't miss chance to see Charlie's show

CHARLIE Landsborough is fulfilling a promise to return to the Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, on November 2.

In conversation with him, he told me how much he loved Shrewsbury and thought how splendid the theatre was.

Charlie has charisma and a real aura about him. His voice is pure magic – that's the only way I can describe him. His dynamism on stage, together with his warm sincere personality off-stage has made him many dedicated fans, my sister and myself included.

Don't miss this opportunity to see Charlie and his superb band, which will be a fantastic show. Another date for bearing in mind to see Charlie is March 6 at Oakengates Theatre (at the time of writing still to be confirmed).

DILYS MARTAYN
Oswestry

Helpers say work is boost for venue

VOLUNTEERS who run a small community hall in a Welsh valley near Oswestry say recent environmentally friendly improvements have put the building at the 'forefront of developing solar energy'.

Thanks to a fundraising campaign, solar panels have been installed at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall at Dolywern to generate sufficient electricity to cover both the hall's current and expected future use.

Spokesman David Cooper said the fundraising campaign helped pay for various other improvements including the updating and remodelling of the kitchen facilities, insulating the roof space and the cavity walls and the installation of double glazing throughout the entire building.

The funds were raised by the hall committee and the local Women's Institute which ran a very successful dress show.

Mr Cooper said: "The icing on the cake has been the decision of Glyntraian Community Council to support the recommendation of the hall committee to go solar."

Clothing sought by food bank

VOLUNTEERS working at a foodbank in Oswestry that helps people in poverty are to expand their service to include clothing.

The service was set up last year by members of Churches Together Oswestry District to help stop people in the town going hungry during the credit crunch.

Food parcels are given to those on a low income, in debt, or who have had benefit problems.

Staff at the service in Beatrice Street, which works under the banner of the Trussel Trust, have now decided to set up collection boxes for clothes as well.

Phil Simpson, from the foodbank, said: "We have now got two recycling bins.

"We are hoping to find churches and other places to have one of these to collect clothing."

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Warning of action on rogue traders

COUNCIL chiefs in Powys have warned they will deal 'severely' with any rogue traders caught in the county following a spate of incidents.

Powys County Council's Trading Standards team said a number of incidents had happened in the south of the county where builders had been approaching elderly homeowners and charging them over the odds for simple building tasks. A rogue trader, who has not been named but is from South Wales, is now awaiting a court date.

Councillor Barry Thomas, Powys County Council's cabinet member responsible for Trading Standards, said the council would be going above and beyond to catch any rogue traders out.

He said: "Our job is to protect the vulnerable in our communities from being ripped off by rogue traders.

"I also would like thank all local authority partners and Dyfed Powys Police for their support and commend those in social services, who referred this."

Clive Jones, a Powys County Council Trading Standards officer, added: "We would advise all communities to work together with us to prevent the vulnerable in our community succumbing to the tactics of rogue traders."

Pet shop manager admits drugs sale to MS sufferers

THE manager of Welshpool Pet Shop who possessed more than £1,000 worth of drugs was selling them to multiple sclerosis sufferers, a court has heard.

by Andrew Morris

Rhian Mair Davies, 29, of Bridge Street in Llanfair Caereinion, had drugs with a street value of £1,125,74 split between her rucksack at the pet shop and at her home, along with £240 cash at the shop, £2,225 cash at home and weighing scales, Mold Crown Court was told.

Davies had previously admitted possessing 179 grammes of cannabis with intent to supply, possessing 27 grammes of herbal cannabis, possessing 15 grammes of cannabis resin, possessing four grammes of amphetamine possessing 0.9g of MDMA, possessing 0.8g and 0.03g of benzylpiperazine and possessing a trace of cocaine.

Last Thursday Judge Philip Hughes gave her a 12-month community order with supervision and also ordered her to carry out a drug rehabilitation requirement for six months.

The court heard Davies had been buying the drugs in Shrewsbury and Telford and then selling them to friends and MS sufferers.

Matthew Curtis, prosecuting, said officers from Dyfed-Powys Police attended Welshpool Pet Shop in Hall Street, which the defendant's family owns, on the morning of March 29 and executed a search warrant.

Mr Curtis said: "Officers noticed that the defendant became nervous and handed over a bag of cannabis from her rucksack. The officers told her they would still be searching the shop, so she went back to her rucksack and produced a bigger bag of cannabis and weighing scales, along with £262 in cash.

"Davies was arrested and taken to Newtown Police Station for questioning, while officers went to search her home in Llanfair Caereinion. When at her home they found the other drugs and £2,225 in cash."

Oliver King, for Davies, said: "She pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity. She is giving up drugs and seeking help." A proceeds of crime and destruction of goods hearing in relation to the case will be held at the court on November 22.

Welshpool Pets.

NEWS in brief

Weather takes toll on show entries

ENTRIES in the vegetable classes at Welshpool and District Horticultural Society's summer show were down due to poor weather during the early part of the growing season.

However, floral classes were well supported and the cookery section also saw plenty of entries.

The next meeting will take place on September 20 and will take the form of a social evening and barbecue at the home of Frances Grassi, Rose Cottage, Cloddiau, near Welshpool, from 5.30pm.

Members are requested to car share as far as possible due to restricted parking.

Choral society is recruiting singers

WELSHPOOL Choral Society will meet again on Monday, September 3, at 7.30pm to start rehearsals for the annual Christmas concert, and would welcome new members.

The group meets at the Methodist Church schoolroom every Monday until the last concert on December 2. If you would like to know more call secretary Johannah Guttridge on 07891 446418.

Rotary lunch

THE speaker at the Welshpool Rotary lunch on August 22 was Tony Solomon, who told members about his recent bicycle ride from Welshpool to Penrith.

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TV star hosting night of comedy

A NEW comedy evening with television star Mike McLean will be held in Welshpool on Saturday.

Mr McLean, who has hosted shows on the BBC and ITV, as well as The Big Breakfast on Channel 4, will be performing at the Royal Oak in Welshpool.

He will be joined by fellow comics Steve Day and Will Marsh at the first night of the new Comedy Club.

An event spokesman said: "Mike McLean has hosted numerous television shows and excels at live TV.

"He originally trained as an actor, at the Arden School of Theatre in Manchester. However, after leaving college Mike gravitated towards stand-up comedy and quickly broke onto the circuit with a comedy magic act."

Steve Day has become a regular on Radio 4, starring alongside Caroline Quentin and Patricia Routledge in 'The Sound Barrier'.

The spokesman said: "Steve is a favourite at many venues across the UK and abroad, and is quickly establishing himself as one of the most popular and respected acts on the circuit."

Completing the line-up, Will Marsh has performed at venues across the world, starring on the BBC, Capital FM and Oasis FM based in Tenerife. For £10 tickets, call (01938) 552217.

Castle rolls back in time for a day of Stuart-style events

VISITORS to Powis Castle were able to travel back in time at the weekend for a Stuart fun day.

The castle was transformed back to the days of baroque music, lace collars and musket fire for the fun day.

Costumed musicians played in the grounds, while dance classes helped visitors feel like a real lady or gentleman.

Alison Dyer, spokeswoman for the National Trust property, said: "The property's focus this year is on the Stuart era; a time of lace collars and musketfire as the civil war raged across the land.

by Graham Breeze

"Our period musicians played as Stuart characters to create living history in the grounds.

"Stuart dance classes helped everyone feel like a true lady or gentleman. Our old kitchens housed a fine Stuart cook while lacemakers showed off their skill in the ballroom.

"There was quill writing along with Punch and Judy crafts for children. The Stuart trail to crack the code and save the king was also available.

"The true Stuart treasures of course lie in the castle itself. Our state bedroom has the only surviving example of a 1660s balustrade while our baroque ceiling paintings mirror those of the Doges Palace in Venice.

"We also house two Thomas Tompion clocks, famed for an accuracy unsurpassed until the invention of the digital clock."

For more information about events at Powis Castle visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/powis-castle or call 01938 551944.

Cyclists ready to tackle route

ORGANISERS of Welshpool's Race The Train event are hoping Britain's Olympic cycling successes will boost numbers.

Welshpool Rotary Club reintroduced the popular event last year, making it cycling-only as opposed to a running event which it used to be in its 1980s

Once again, cyclists of all ages and abilities will try to cover the route between Welshpool and Llanfair Caereinion faster than the morning Welshpool and Llanfair Railway's steam train on September 16.

A Rotary spokesperson said: "We were encouraged by last year's reintroduction which raises valuable funds and expect the Olympics and Tour of Britain to make a big impact this year with a lot more riders anticipated. Early entry is advised to ensure a spot."

Entry is just £5 per person with forms available from Brooks Cycles or The Royal Oak Hotel. For details please contact Bill Rowell on *wkrowell@btinternet.com*.

Camera club quiz fun

WELSHPOOL Camera Club has its annual general knowledge fundraising quiz sheet out. There are 40 questions and it costs £1 per quiz sheet, available from Dan Chodecki, the caretaker at the town hall.

It's all smiles at steam fair

David and Kay Hilditch of Welshpool displayed their 1924 Earl Haig steam engine at Shrewsbury Steam Fair at Onslow Park, on Sunday. David, right, and Kay were helped on the machine by Tom Sanders from Lawley.

NEWS in brief

Over 55s rail fare discount is back

ARRIVA Trains Wales has re-launched its discount travel scheme for mature passengers.

The Arriva Club55 ticket allows anyone over the age of 55 to travel anywhere on the Arriva Trains Wales network for £17 return, provided the ticket is bought from the company's website.

Travel is available from September 2 until March 24. Passengers with a senior railcard can also save a further £1 per return journey.

Passengers who register for free Arriva Club 55 membership on the Arriva Trains Wales website will also be the first to find out about special offers.

Visit www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk/club55news

Rosemary Squires in town concert

CELEBRATING her own Diamond Jubilee as a world renowned entertainer Rosemary Squires will headline her own concert at the Welshpool Town Hall on October 12.

Starting at 2pm the concert will raise funds for the Welshpool Senior citizens party. Tickets from Welshpool Jewellers.

Village bike show

FORDEN Classic Bike Show and Autojumble is at the Community Centre on Sunday. If you have a classic car to include e-mail *r.dawe452@btinternet.com*

Fun day proves a knockout success

LIVE music, It's a Knockout games and a giant dragon hot air balloon helped to make a charity fun day in Welshpool a success.

Waterloo Rovers FC organised the event, with Speed Welshpool on Sunday to raise money for the club and Macmillan Cancer Support.

It kicked off at noon at the Maes y Dre Recreation Ground and included a number of family activities.

During the day there was an It's a Knockout activity with eight teams from sports clubs and companies around the Welshpool competing in a series of entertaining challenges.

Stalls, children's rides and lots of other attractions were also at the grounds.

Live music was provided by a number of local talented musicians in the evening including String The Marionette, Fourphit, Silent Blackout and The Locomotive, as well as solo performances from Steve Edwards and Rob Picken of Colour Sunday.

David Proctor, who was at the event, said: "The day went well and there was about 500 or 600 people. The weather was nice which helped.

"It was the first time we held the event. It was a good day for a good cause.

"Hopefully it will happen again next year."

Walkers on eight-day trek across Wales to aid charity

by Graham Breeze

AN OPERA singer and a Wales Air Ambulance pilot were joined by X Factor singer Lucie Jones when they arrived in Welshpool during their eight-day 200-mile walk across Wales to raise money for the charity.

Singer Rhys Meirion and pilot Captain Martin Darlington, who flies the air ambulance from Welshpool, reached the town on day five of their trek from Swansea Airport to Dinas Dinlle in North Wales.

They were joined in the town by Miss Jones, who starred in the 2009 series of X Factor, and visited the Wales Air Ambulance base at the Mid Wales Airport and were greeted by children's television star Peppa Pig at the Coed-y-Dinas Garden Centre.

Thousands

They spent the night in the town before heading north through Llanfair Caereinion and Dolgellau.

Eryl Vaughan, charity spokesman, said the walk was hoping to raise thousands of pounds for charity.

He said: "Welsh opera singer Rhys Meirion decided to exercise his legs instead of his lungs as he walks 200 miles across Wales to raise funds for Wales Air Ambulance.

"He is joined by air ambulance pilot Captain Martin Darlington, Rhys' son Osian and friends and TV personalities along the walk which will involve a gruelling schedule of over 25 miles per day.

"The aim is to raise as much for the charity as possible, but also to bring the nation together in a celebration of the wonderful service the air ambulance provides to the people of Wales."

The walkers walked to Dinas Dinlle, home of the third Wales Air Ambulance, from Portmeirion, finishing with a concert from the Penrhyn Male Voice Choir.

Ann Lewis, Newtown Wales Air Ambulance charity shop manager, said: "Peppa Pig has been a great friend of the charity for a long time now, and it was great that she was able to welcome the walkers to Welshpool."

Rhian Madamrygbi, left, and Lucie Jones.

The walkers arrive at Coed y Dinas near Welshpool, on their 200-mile trek for the Wales Air Ambulance.

Another of the walkers arriving in the town.

The air ambulance also put in an appearance.

NEWS in brief

Start date of new green collections

THE new waste and recycling collections introduced by Powys County Council start in Welshpool on Monday.

Deliveries of the red, blue and aqua recycling containers and wheeled bins, plus food caddies have been taking place recently. A recycling guide and calendar for the different collection weeks has also been delivered.

"We have introduced the scheme to try and encourage residents to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and recycle more materials," said Steve Holdaway of the council.

Anyone who has not received containers should call 0845 602 7035.

Fashion show to boost appeal

A FASHION show and buffet will be held next month to raise money for the Montgomeryshire MS Society.

The show will take place at the Old Station, Severn Road, Welshpool, on September 20 from 7pm to 9.30pm. Tickets are £10 and are available from the Tourist Information Centre.

Fundraising lunch

LLANFAIR Caereinion Gym Club will be holding a fundraising Sunday lunch at Llysun, Llanerfyl, on September 2. Tickets cost £20 and are available by calling (01938) 810393.

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NEWS

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Show day cancelled after poor forecast

AN ANNUAL horse show on the Shropshire/ Wales border was cancelled for the first time in six years.

The Llansilin show was due to take place on Monday but was cancelled because of the poor weather forecast.

Julie Williams, from the show, said: "It was cancelled because of the weather conditions and the field conditions.

"It was for safety reasons more than anything. The show takes place on a field with an incline into it. There could have been trouble getting onto it.

"With the weather forecast as it was we felt people weren't going to go to a show so we thought it was better to cancel it.

"It would have been the sixth year. Until now we have been very lucky with good weather and good attendance.

"But we were in the same boat as most of the shows this year.

"A lot of county shows were cancelled."

She said the money raised from the show would have gone to charity so the organisers didn't want to make a loss and see the charity miss out.

She added that Llansilin still carried on with its village show, which was held in the village hall with classes for produce and crafts.

Artworks to celebrate the industrial past in village

THE industrial heritage of a village in Shropshire is being celebrated with a striking series of artworks on a former coal pit mound.

The heritage area at the Trefonen playing field is part of three years of hard work by the residents of Trefonen and its surrounding villages.

On Sunday there will be the official opening of the redeveloped Trefonen Playing Field and Village Hall.

by Graham Breeze

Secretary of the playing field association, Kathleen Kimber, said: "Since 2009 the hall has been revamped to allow it to be used for a wider variety of functions, including a larger and better equipped kitchen, and the playing field has been remodelled to include heritage and wildlife areas, and a 'trim trail' to keep the locals fit and healthy."

Funding came from events organised by an enthusiastic band of volunteers, together with various grants secured by the group.

Most of the village organisations have worked to raise funds towards the development projects by holding moneymaking events.

To celebrate the opening an afternoon of free family fun is planned for Sunday, starting with a treasure hunt at 1pm. The formal launch by Councillor David Lloyd at 2.15pm will be followed by a football match between Trefonen FC and Trefonen Veterans.

Refreshments and a bar will be available throughout the day, including a barbecue at 3.30pm.

Other attractions include music from the Libby Gliksman Trio, a demonstration of gymnastics, a hedge-laying talk and a variety of stalls and displays.

Mrs Kimber said the Trefonen Heritage Group, formed in May 2011 was committed to preserving and promoting the history of the area, particularly its industrial heritage.

She added: "The group has commissioned the sculptures on the pit mound and interpretation panels for the site. It will shortly begin work on promotional printed material, including walks leaflets and a pod cast."

The three works on the old pit mound on Trefonen Playing Field include a steel silhouette of a miner appearing on the sky line, a safety fence, depicting mining scenes and a second miner on the side of the mound.

Edna Jeffries, from Llanfechain, with her flower display entitled 'A Christening' at Llanfechain Show.

Sun shines at community's annual show

A VILLAGE on the Shropshire/Wales border hosted its 64th annual show on Bank Holiday Monday.

Llanfechain village show had workshops, live music and exhibits on offer for visitors when it kicked off at 11am.

Jack Green the Jester arrived for storytelling and Kaleidoscope Theatre put on entertainment with a miming act.

Jude Row, the event's secretary, said that they had a number of people coming to take part and when the sun started to shine even more people arrived.

"We had lots of music and storytelling as well as cookery workshops," she said. "They were cooking noodles and decorating gingerbread shapes

"We also had all the competitions for art and vegetables and we have had some wonderful exhibitions this year, it has been a difficult season so it good to see some of the exhibit.

"I would like to thank all the organising committee for its help this year."

During the day folk musicians Canol and folk rock band Whalebone played to those at the event.

There were also stalls, vehicle displays, refreshments, dancers and arts and crafts.

This year's show president was James Pickstock.

NEWS in brief

Archaeology in seminar spotlight

AN archaeology seminar will be held in Oswestry.

The Marches School will be hosting the sixth annual seminar which has been organised by the Old Oswestry Landscape and Archaeology Project.

It will take place from 10.15am on October 27.

The main subject will be Ruling and Dividing – Offa's Legacy in The Northern Marches, and there will be specialist speakers.

It will cost £10 and includes coffee and a sandwich lunch. To book or for more information call (01691) 662602.

Flowers to mark church's revamp

A FLOWER festival is being organised to celebrate the completion of a church revamp.

Pentre Llifior Methodist Chapel, in Berriew, will hold the event on September 15 from 1pm to 4pm.

On September 16 there will be a combined harvest festival and chapel anniversary service at 2.30pm.

The preacher will be the Reverend Sue Lawler, of Welshpool. The displays will stay up at the church for a short time.

Open mic night

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Gemma steps up to top lettings job

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GROWING demand for residential property to rent in North Shropshire has persuaded agents Halls to appoint a lettings manager at the firm's Ellesmere office.

Gemma Smart, 24, has been promoted to the new post after two years with Halls and is now busy adding properties of all sizes to the company's rental portfolio in North Shropshire.

"We are seeing a big demand for properties to rent, from terraces to large country houses," she explained.

"I am surprised at the number of quality potential tenants searching for property in North Shropshire, in particular large houses with a monthly rental figure of between £750 and £1,500."

"Halls offers tailor-made solutions to make letting and management of residential property as easy as possible for landlords including a comprehensive database of prospective tenants matching properties to the right people."

Some homeowners are now opting to rent their properties as an alternative to selling them in the challenging economic climate, she added.

Gemma, who lives at Loppington, near Wem, is a member of the Association of Residential Letting Agents and is in the final year of a masters degree in real estate management at Birmingham City University, which includes Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors accreditation. She has a degree in geography from the University of Chester and is an ex-student of Lakelands School, Ellesmere and North Shropshire College, Oswestry.

"I love working for Halls because the company is large enough to offer opportunities for career progression, yet retains the ethos of a family business with a strong focus on customer service," said Gemma.

Away from work, she is a keen horse rider, being a member of Shrewsbury and District Riding Club and the North Shropshire Hunt.

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College's students see jobs success

HAIR and beauty students at Walford and North Shropshire College are leading the way when it comes to finding work, bosses claim.

With more than a million 16 to 24-year-olds unemployed, the college says its Visage Salon department has built up an enviable record of students finding work. Its reputation has led to students travelling long distances to join courses in the hair and beauty department at Oswestry.

Department head Sharon Cooper said many graduates find themselves running businesses or working for employers thanks to the commercial focus of Visage.

The rise in interest is due in part to the accomplishments of their students at a competitive level, she said.

"For the last two years the college has entered its beauty students in the regional heats of the UK Skills Competition and both times they've come out on top," she said.

Smithing demo

BLACKSMITH demonstrations will be held in Oswestry next month.

Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre will be hosting the event on September 14 and 15 from 11am.

For more information call (01691) 662753

Driver with poor eyesight jailed over cyclist's death

A DRIVER who killed a cyclist on a road on the Shropshire border had defective eyesight and had applied to be registered as partially sighted.

Trevor Williams, 49, whose Mazda pick-up hit 71-year-old grandfather Brian Parker, had a degenerative sight condition which caused tunnel vision and had been warned he was not fit to drive seven years earlier.

Williams, from Longfield, Chirk, was jailed at Mold Crown Court for three years after admitting causing the death of Mr Parker by dangerous driving.

by Graham Breeze

Mr Parker was cycling near his home in Chirk in September last year when he was in collision with the pick up on the B5107 at the Trap Bridge on the Shropshire border.

Judge Philip Hughes banned Williams from driving for four years but told he him that he must not drive until medical advice said he could.

He said he had displayed "selfish irresponsibility" by driving and had taken a terrible and deliberate risk by ignoring medical advice.

"It was only a matter of time before a serious accident was bound to occur," he said.

The court heard that when applying to be registered partially sighted, Williams himself had written: "I have problems walking, I am constantly bumping into things because I cannot see them. I am always tripping and falling. I need guidance from someone else at all times."

Elen Owen, prosecuting, said the cyclist would have been visible to the defendant for 85 metres along a straight stretch of road.

Mark Connor, defending, said Williams wished to apologise for what he had done although he knew nothing he could say or do could put it right.

He was devastated, ashamed and full of remorse for the consequences of his terrible error of judgement in continuing to drive.

The court heard how Mr Parker, who loved walking and cycling, had been due to celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Hedgerow brew course at farm

STAFF at a community farm in Oswestry will be holding an event to teach people how to get closer to nature and save money.

In a time when people are looking to pinch the pennies Treflach Farm, a community interest farm near Oswestry, is running a one-day experience course on how to use nature to make gifts and produce.

On September 8, the farm will be hosting a hedgerow brewing day. During the event people will be scouring the hedgerows looking for berries and nettles needed to make products including nettle beer, elderberry wine, damson gin and rosehip syrup.

Organiser Lou Kellett said: "Hand-made drinks and food make excellent presents."

The day is for adults and runs from 9.30am to 3pm. It costs £30 and includes lunch.

People are advised to wear walking boots and to bring a waterproof jacket.

Places are limited. To book call (01691) 654321 or e-mail *info@treflachfarm.co.uk*

Pupils chosen for top roles

Scott Vallely and Isabelle Makin are the new head boy and head girl at Oswestry School.

TWO youngsters at Oswestry School have been chosen to be head boy and girl next term.

Headmaster Douglas Robb said he was delighted that Isabelle Makin and Scott Vallely, who are both 17, had agreed to take on the roles, which will begin when school starts again in September.

Mr Robb said: "Both Isabelle and Scott are day pupils who live in Oswestry and have been with us at the school for a number of years.

"Isabelle is the daughter of a local doctor and she is keen to follow in her father's footsteps by studying medicine. She is really looking forward to the role and is a bright, bubbly and thoughtful student who will thrive on the challenge.

"Scott is a top quality sportsman with outstanding football and rugby skills – he also holds the school record for the triathlon. He is keen to study sports technology at university."

The pair will be assisted in their roles by deputy head girl and head boy Emma Bell and Chris Jones.

NEWS in brief

Cafe to be venue for a new course

A CAFE in Oswestry will be a meeting place for a new course discussing religion and philosophy.

Churches based in and around the town are inviting people to join a 10-week Alpha course which will explore the Christian faith and discuss issues of life in an informal setting.

Carreg Llwyd Church in Oswestry, will be using Caffe Milano in Old Chapel Court for the course which starts on October 4 at 7pm.

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Garden produce on sale at church

OSWESTRY Methodist Church will hold a 'food and fruit from the garden' fundraiser on September 8.

The event, which will include produce for sale, cakes, crafts and coffee, will be held in Oswestry Methodist Church from 10am until noon, outside the church or, if wet inside 1 Chapel Street.

Coffee mornings for the church are held at 1 Chapel Street each Saturday from 10am until noon.

Boot camp call

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The bunting is out in Wem for this year's carnival which takes place on Saturday.

Band tops bill as town gears up for carnival

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WEM is getting ready for its annual carnival on Saturday when the parade will be headed by the town's very own Jubilee Band.

As usual the town will see two processions with the band heading the 1-30 start to be followed by carnival queen Jessica Walton, the prince Andrew Weaver, princess Katie Sayce and their three attendants. The procession will include decorated floats and fancy dress entrants along with Morris dancers from the North East Wales Dance team.

The Oldham Scottish Pipers, Bootle and District Concertina Band, Newtown Youth Marching Band, Karamba Samba, The West Midland Crystalettes and the Taiko Drummers will continue to play on the carnival field following the crowning of Queen Jessica.

In the evening the streets will close for half an hour for the annual illuminated procession. Entrance to the carnival field is by donation and a free raffle ticket will be issued on entry for the chance to win a 22inch HD ready DVD/TV. There will also be numerous stalls and rides.

There's a competition to 'spot the odd article' in the shop windows by buying a form from Seasons Florists for a chance to win a £10 prize. Programmes will be on sale in the Town Hall. Carnival entry forms are available on *www.wemcarnival.com* or the Town Hall or by calling (01939) 232547 or (01939) 236150.

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Children in care need help at school

A REPORT says more needs to be done to help children in care in Wales reach their potential in education.

The report by the Auditor General for Wales says that 29 per cent of about 5,000 children in care in Wales do not gain any qualifications, compared to one per cent of children in general.

In Powys, there are 170 children in care, with 45 per cent of them gaining five or more GCSEs at grades A* to G, the second highest pass rate for local authorities, behind only Merthyr Tydfil.

A total of 91 per cent in Powys leave education with at least one qualification aged 19, behind only Blaenau Gwent, which has 100 per cent.

The report found educational attainment for children in care is improving slowly but there is 'too much variation' and 'inconsistent support' and it will now be considered by AMs.

Alan Morris from the Wales Audit Office said there was 'quite a substantial gap' between the achievements at school of children in care and children in general.

But he added: "We think the potential of those children is exactly the same as all children."

No-one from Powys County Council was available to comment.

Crowds ignore wet weather to enjoy 64th country show

by Graham Breeze

WET weather did not dampen spirits as crowds of people attended the 64th Annual Berriew and District Horticultural and Agricultural Show on Saturday.

A dog display team and strongman John Evans entertained crowds alongside a number of other events on the Upper Rectory Field, in Berriew, on August 25.

In the main ring the Whitchurch Dog Display Team gave demonstrations showing off skills including obedience, agility, heelwork to music, fun tricks with a spectacular finale showing the famous high walk of fire, fire jumps and fire-carrying dogs.

There were also competitions and attractions including fairground rides, mini-quad bikes, a bouncy castle, Punch and Judy Show, trade stands and a rural crafts marquee.

Anna Jones, show secretary, said there were lots of people taking part but numbers were down on the 1,500 expected because of wet weather.

"It was a good show," she said. "It went really well. The rain didn't stop people from coming along.

"I am really pleased how well it went and would like to thank all those who helped."

She also thanked the young farmers who helped to push cars on and off the site after the rain. The venue was provided for the event by kind permission of Mr George Pritchard and his wife.

On Sunday there was a charity lunch in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. About 220 people arrived to dine in a marquee on the show field.

Organisers are still counting how much the event raised.

Jake Breeze, eight, from Minsterley, was third in the Any Other Breed category with his Texel Shearing Ewe Frankie.

Members of Mid Wales Vintage Machinery Club in the main arena

Visitors looking at competition entries at the show

Thanks to makeover team for flat work

VOLUNTEERS who took part in a '60-minute makeover' challenge at an Oswestry woman's new flat have been thanked for their efforts.

Members of the Osyteers volunteer group and members of the town's Borderland Rotary Club worked together to paint three rooms for Elin Jones, 21, who has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair.

Elin is due to move to the new flat in Oswestry at the end of the month after securing a place at university in Wrexham, but the volunteers stepped in to help after hearing her new home at Llwyn Fields was in need of a makeover.

Their efforts were recognised at the latest meeting of Borderland Rotary Club.

Rotarian Mike Lade passed on thanks to all group members who offered donations of furniture to Elin.

He said the flooring was now down in her flat and furniture had started to be to be moved in.

He thanked everyone who took part in the makeover.

The Borderland Rotary club meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel.

More information can be found at *www.borderlandrotary.co.uk*

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FARMING

NFU want talks on impact of pylons

by Graham Breeze

THE NFU has said it will meet National Grid bosses over pylon proposals which could lead to disruption for farmers and see land taken out of production.

Following a farmers meeting at Llanymynech attended by local NFU members and representatives including Oswestry Senior NFU Group Secretary, Mark Jones, the NFU is determined the impact on the farming community is kept to a minimum before and during construction.

The route was announced at the end of July from 10 possible corridors and if approved the new 400kV power line will link wind farms in Mid Wales with existing lines in Shropshire using a mix of overhead pylons and underground connections.

Sarah Faulkner, NFU regional environmental policy adviser, based at Telford, said: "We will hold further talks with National Grid over the pylon proposals as many of our members have concerns over the proposed route.

"While the announcement has lifted a cloud of uncertainty from many affected by the proposed corridors there is real disappointment from those living and farming along the chosen route.

"We will talk with with National Grid for our members, ensure that farmers are listened to and that the plans are put in place in a way that causes minimal disruption to their farms.

"Farmers will receive payments but it is important to stress this is for works on their land that will have an impact on their businesses."

The new route will stretch from CefnCoch, near Llanfair Caereinion, to Lower Frankton, near Oswestry.

The pylons could be 50 metres high, with a distance between them of 360 metres and minimum ground clearance of 7.6 metres.

If approved, planning permission could be applied for as early as 2013 with construction, if agreed, starting in 2014 and expected to take 18 months.

Mrs Faulkner said: "National Grid has yet to decide how the new power line will be constructed and which sections will be over ground or underground. They may also be looking at new pylon designs and we are happy to work alongside them if needed.

"We will also prepare guidance for those who will be approached by National Grid to gain access to their land."

Farmers with queries or concerns can call the NFU regional office on (01952) 400500 or pop into their local office 'Jones & Chacksfield' at 12 Salop Road, Oswestry, for further details about the scheme.

Sarah Faulkner speaking to farmers at Llanymynech recently.

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Best practice workshop mornings are also being held at farm businesses that have already successfully diversified:

- Nannerth Farm near Rhayader, on Monday 10th September;
- Ty Mawr Lime, Llangorse, on Tuesday 11th September;
- Pen y Bryn, Castle Caereinion, on Wednesday 19th September.

People attending will hear how these farm owners have achieved their goals, what it took to get there and hurdles they have overcome. There will be advice and guidance from the Farm Diversification Scheme and a tour of the venue. Book a place on glasu@bic-innovation.com or call 01656 861536.

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NEWS in brief

Cyclist hurt after collision with car

A CYCLIST was taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg after an accident in Oswestry town centre last Wednesday.

The woman rider was involved in a collision with a car on Salop Road at 5.45pm.

She was helped by passers-by before ambulance staff and paramedics treated her at the scene and she was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital suffering a suspected fracture to her lower leg.

West Mercia Police have appealed for any witnesses to the accident to contact officers on 101.

Author gives talk about buildings

ARCHITECTURE and buildings will be the subject of an event taking place in Oswestry.

Why We Build is the subject of an evening talk at The Walls on September 11 from 7pm.

Booka Bookshop has organised the event which will see author Rowan Moore talk on his examination of what inspires great architecture and how buildings can change lives.

Rowan has written for The Guardian and The Observer.

Tickets will cost £10 and can be redeemable against the price of a book at Booka.

The evening will have refreshments available.

Church choir launches new group for young singers

A NEW interest in choral singing has led to one of the few complete church choirs left in Shropshire launching a group for children.

The St Oswald Quiristers will start in September at the Parish Church in Oswestry.

Its aim to provide a new and fun singing group for children aged between five and eight.

But organisers say the young voices will join the junior choir singing in church once a month and as the 'Quiristers' get older they will have the chance to join the main choir.

Director of music at St Oswald's Church, Mr Mike Donkin, said young voices were vitally important to church choirs.

by Graham Breeze

He said the St Oswald was one of only three churches in Shropshire which maintained a full choral tradition in services week by week and the only one that used young voices on the 'soprano/treble' line, producing the instantly recognisable Anglican choral sound.

"The treble line is made up of young people aged between eight and 16," Mr Donkin said.

"We use the Royal School of Music's Voice for Life scheme which is ideal for training young voices. It nurtures and develops the voice without putting it under any strain."

He said the new group began after a five-year-old girl wanted to join the choir.

"We don't usually admit children until they are eight years old as they need a good level of reading ability. But this set us thinking it was a pity that younger children could not benefit from the training on offer and we therefore set up a new group, St Oswald's Quiristers.

"We hope it will be a feeder into the junior choir but this is not a pre-requisite and we are just looking for children who enjoy singing and want to learn more."

Mr Donkin said the church also wanted to hear from boys and girls from the age of eight who would like to join the choir.

More details are available in a leaflet at the back of the church or from Mike and Veronica Donkin, Hendre House, Llanfechain, Powys, SY22 6XD.

Welcome for dairy strategy

DAIRY farmers in Mid Wales have welcomed a new strategy put forward to prevent a repeat of last month's industry crisis which led to blockades and protests outside supermarkets and milk processors.

The Dairy Coalition has put forward a 10 point plan focusing on three key areas – exposing bad practices, redefining and empowering the farmers' role in the supply chain and ensuring the chain is transparent and fair.

The move follows an aborted attempt by dairy processors to cut the amount paid to farmers for their milk, which many feared would put them out of business.

Stephen James, NFU Cymru deputy president, said: "We firmly believe that all farmers should receive a fair and sustainable milk price, which at least covers their costs to produce milk.

"This is the only way we will be able to ensure shoppers have the choice of British dairy products on supermarket shelves."

Steam engine's festive visit

Getting ready for the Maesbury Canal Festival, was Peter Clare, with his Canadian Pacific Hudson Class 464, built in Canada, from 1938-1941.

A RESTORED 1940s steam engine will be making an appearance at a canal festival in Shropshire.

The Maesbury Canal Festival is taking place near Oswestry on September 1 and 2 at Canal Central in Coed y rae Lane, Maesbury Marsh. Activities and attractions will include more than 50 stalls, music and boats.

Peter Clare, who lives near Oswestry, will be bringing his restored Canadian Pacific Hudson Class 464, built in Canada.

During the weekend there will also be Wild over Waterways activities for children which includes making fog horns, painting boatmen's lace plates, and making dragonflies and bird feeders.

Entertainment will be provided by The Street Band, Percussion Unlimited, Beck Sian and Chris Thorn on the didgeridoo.

Other activities include swing-boats, hoop-la, football fun, face painting, storytelling and Professor Squeezyjig.

The festival is open from 10am each day.

Queen's thanks for Mia's present

Mia Lloyd-Beckett

A SIX-YEAR-old girl who loves making friendship bracelets is celebrating another friendship – this time with the Queen.

Mia Lloyd-Beckett from Gobowen decided to create a special bracelet for the Queen as a Diamond Jubilee present.

The Selattyn School pupil posted the gift off to Buckingham Palace.

And the youngster was delighted to receive a thank-you letter from the palace.

Her mother Jill Lloyd said: "Mia loves the Queen and making friendship bracelets so she thought she would make one especially for the Diamond Jubilee.

"She was amazed when a letter came back from a lady-in-waiting on behalf of the Queen thanking her for the present. They also sent Mia a card with picture of the Queen celebrating her Diamond Jubilee."

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Superb 1920s residence in easy reach of town centre

A superbly appointed period detached house within level walking distance of Oswestry town centre is on the market with JJ Dell & Co, who have set a guide price of £345,000.

Built in 1925, Graylands, Weston Avenue, has the benefit of upvc double glazing, gas central heating, high quality fittings, panelled doors and corniced ceilings.

The downstairs accommodation comprises entrance hall with oak boarded floor, attractive sitting room with hand carved marble fireplace, turret study area and patio door to the garden, and dining room with fireplace and multi-fuel burner.

The spacious kitchen includes a dual fuel range cooker, granite worktops and breakfast area overlooking the garden, and there is also a utility and a cloakroom.

Upstairs are four bedrooms, one with fitted furniture and another with a turret dressing area and ensuite shower room, and a large family bathroom.

A wide driveway to the front provides ample parking, and there is also a detached garage.

The private rear garden includes a patio overlooking a sunken lawn, flowerbeds, fruit trees and a potting shed.

For further information contact JJ Dell & Co on (01691) 653437 or visit www.jjdell.co.uk

Individual home set in glorious gardens

Gardeners Cottage, Henlle, near Gobowen, is a wonderful individual detached home which once formed part of the grounds of Henlle Hall, with superb outbuildings and almost an acre of landscaped walled gardens including a pond, vegetable garden and greenhouse.

On the market through Halls priced at £499,950 with no upward chain, the four-bedroom property includes a home office and conservatory.

It is located on a peaceful lane near to lovely canal and countryside walks with a prestigious golf course nearby, and yet is only 1.5 miles from the A483, providing excellent commuter links.

For further information contact Halls on 01691 670320 or visit www.hallsgb.com

Character property looks over valley

A delightful character property from the 1940s is on sale for £269,950 with no chain.

Afallon, Church Hill in Glyn Ceiriog, has period features and an enviable position with views over the Glyn Ceiriog valley.

The property has two reception rooms, a downstairs wc, double glazing and oil-fired central heating. There is off-road parking and a single detached garage.

The 16-foot long kitchen has a walk-in pantry and leads to the surrounding gardens and an orchard.

On the first floor there are three bedrooms, a bathroom and a dressing room.

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Modern four-bedroom property offers plenty of space

A well-presented four-bedroom detached house in a popular village near Oswestry is for sale priced at £199,950.Accommodation at 34 Milars Field, Morda, comprises entrance hall, cloaks/wc, lounge with patio doors to the garden, dining room, breakfast kitchen with built-in appliances, and utility. Upstairs are four bedrooms, one with ensuite shower room and two with fitted wardrobes, and a family bathroom.There is driveway parking, a garage and neatly kept gardens to front and rear.

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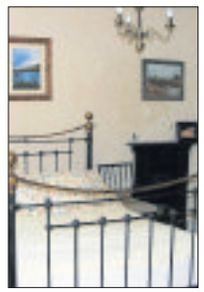

Pretty semi-detached cottage has consent for extension

Glan Dwr, in the hamlet of Llanyblodwel, between Oswestry and Welshpool, is a delightful cottage with generous gardens and planning permission for an extension to the rear. The three-bedroom semi-detached property is on the market for offers over £199,500. It has an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/diner, rear hall, shower room, three bedrooms, one with dressing area, bathroom, attic room, garage, parking for two cars and landscaped gardens including a barked play area.

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

Period residence in large gardens with annexe

Pear Tree Cottage in Edgerley, near Knockin, is a Grade II listed cottage in gardens of more than half an acre. Reduced to offers around £399,000, the property has an annexe with kitchen, garage, bathroom and living room. The main house has three reception rooms, utility and cloaks/wc. Upstairs are three bedrooms, one ensuite, and a family bathroom. Wood-framed double glazing has been fitted and there is propane gas central heating. The gardens include extensive lawns and paved areas, vegetable garden and greenhouse.

For further information please call Parry Lowarch on 01743 343 343 or visit www.parrylowarch.co.uk

Parry Lowarch

Mews style home ideal for first-time buyers

A centrally positioned two-bedroom mews style property with beautiful country views to the side is on the market for offers in the region of £89,000 with no upward chain.
Number 5 Green Square, High Street, Llanfyllin, would make an ideal first time or investment purchase and comprises comprises a lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor .anding, two bedrooms and a bathroom. There are low maintenance courtyards to front and rear, allocated parking, gas-fired central heating and double glazing.

For further information please contact Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 or visit www.richmondharvey.com

RICHMOND HARVEY

Farmhouse comes with outbuildings ripe for conversion

View Farm in Marton is an attractive detached stone farmhouse with magnificent views and outbuildings with potential for conversion. On sale for £295,000, the well maintained property has a kitchen, cloakroom, utility, sitting room with inglenook and woodburner and a second reception room with country views. On the first floor are three double bedrooms and a bathroom. The property has ample parking, garage, car port, range of traditional outbuildings and good-sized gardens.

For further information please contact Halls on 01938 555552 or visit www.hallsestateagents.co.uk

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September 20

Collective Property Auction

Lion Quays Hotel, Moreton, Oswestry, 2.00pm

Entries are now being invited for our Property Auction in December 2012
For more information please call any of our offices.

WELSHPOOL Berriew — LOT 1 Guide Price Over £150,000

A rare opportunity to purchase a most desirable Grade II Listed Three Bedroom Detached Cottage in good order throughout situated in an idyllic location next to the lock at Brithdir adjacent to the Montgomery Canal with a large garden.

SHREWSBURY Ruyton Xi Towns — LOT 2 Guide Price £120,000

- Spacious 4 Bedroom Mid-Terrace House
- Entrance Hall/Study
- Sitting Room, Cellerage
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- 4 Beds, Family Bathroom
- Large Landing Sitting Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden, Parking

MALPAS Willington — LOT 3 Guide Price £200,000 to £225,000

- Situated within this sought after rural community
- Detached property provides excellent scope for extension and modernisation
- Various outbuildings gardens and grounds extending to approximately 1.85 acres (about 0.75 of a hectare).

ELLESMERE Centre — LOT 4 Guide Price Over £135,000

A spacious and superbly appointed Grade II listed family town house situated in the town of Ellesmere.
Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room, Cellar, Utility, Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms and a family Bathroom.

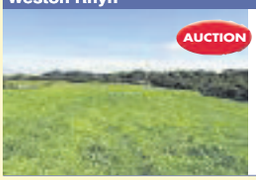
WREXHAM Penycae — LOT 5 Guide Price Over £150,000

A substantial detached property, previously a public house, with grounds of approximately 0.5 ac. Benefiting from planning permission for the conversion of the property into 2 semi detached dwellings the property offers an opportunity to purchase a property either as a development opportunity or as a family home.

Nr LLANGOLLEN Glyn Ceiriog — LOT 6 Guide Price Over £200,000

- Three two Bedroom adjoining properties.
- Scope for modernisation and improvements.
- Off road parking.
- Ideal investment opportunity.
- Legal Pack Available for Inspection.

OSWESTRY Weston Rhyn — LOT 7 Guide Price Over £150,000



A rare opportunity to purchase a block of accommodation land extending to 18.78 acres (7.6 ha) or thereabouts conveniently located just off the A5/A483. The land is currently laid to pasture but would accommodate a host of arable or fodder crops or alternatively could be used for a equine or recreational uses.

2012 Property Auctions

21st September & 6th December

Welcome to our September Property Auction.

Our September sale contains a range of residential, agricultural and investment properties.

Entries are now being invited for our last sale of the year to be held on the 6th December.

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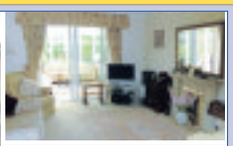
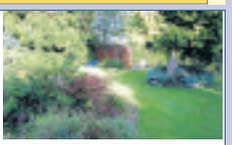


NEW — Old Mapsis Way, Morda — £199,950

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Detached Four Bedroom House
- Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, a Large Conservatory
- Four Excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom
- Double glazed windows, Gas CH, security system, cavity wall insulation
- External lighting, integral garage, delightful gardens and grounds
- Views over the Shropshire countryside.

NEW - NO CHAIN — Oak Drive, St. Martins — £119,950

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed End of Terrace House
- Undergone complete refurbishment being convenient to all facilities in the Village
- Entrance Hall, Large Sitting Room/Dining Room, Brand New Kitchen, Utility
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom with a new luxury suite
- Double glazing, Gas fired central heating, Lawned gardens and grounds



NEW PRICE — Croeswylan Lane, Oswestry — £349,950

- A most comfortably appointed & spacious Detached House situated in a premier location
- Porch, Wide Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Study
- Snug, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Rear Lobby/Utility, 4 Bedrooms
- En-Suite shower & Family Bathroom
- Large Attic Room currently used for recreational purposes
- Gas C/H, double garage, patio & delightful gardens to rear with a southward facing aspect

OPEN DAY 08/09/12 — Roft Street, Oswestry — £115,000

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- The final phase of 22 exceptional Contemporary Apartments in The Victoria Rooms Oswestry
- Now released. 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms with prices starting from £115,000
- Lift and communal garden. Parking available

Wern, Weston Rhyn — £0

- A rare opportunity to purchase a small residential farm
- Would be suited to agricultural, equine & recreational purchasers alike
- Set in 16.66 acres (6.74 ha) or thereabouts
- AVAILABLE AS A WHOLE OR IN 2 LOTS
- LOT 1 - House, gardens & paddocks extending to 5 acres - OIRO £375,000
- LOT 2 - Accommodation land extending to 11.98 acres - Offers Over £100,000
- As a whole - OIRO £475,000

1.46 Acres — Top Street, Whittington — £625,000

- A beautiful character residence dating from the 1780's,
- Set in landscaped gardens and grounds extending to approx
- 0.56 Hectares (1.46 Acres) Wide Reception Hall, Lounge,
- Morning Rm, Sitting Rm, Dining Rm. Kitchen/Breakfast Rm
- Study, Cloaks, Utility Rm, Six Bedrooms, 2 with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom. Partial D/G, Gas C/H. 2 garages, Workshop

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN
Monkmoor Road, Oswestry — £119,500

- A well positioned and comfortably appointed spacious Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Convenient to Town & local Junior School with bus stop nearby
- Ent Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Utility, Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathrm. Part double glazing, Gas C/H
- Easily maintained gardens

NEW PRICE
Aspen Grange, Weston Rhyn — £139,950

A most comfortably appointed Semi-Detached House situated within a popular area & convenient to all facilities
Ent Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Conservatory
Kitchen, Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
D/G, Gas C/H, superb gardens to the fore and rear
garage and ample car parking.

NO CHAIN
Cae Celyn, Llanymynech — £149,950

- A comfortably appointed Family Detached Bungalow
- Situated in the heart of the popular Village of Llanymynech
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room/Dining Room, Kitchen
- Two Excellent Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Double glazing, Oil fired c/h, Garage, Gardens and Grounds

Maplehurst Drive, Oswestry — £139,950

- A well positioned and comfortably appointed Detached Modern Bungalow in a most popular location on the edge of the Town
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room/Dining Room with Sun Conservatory off, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Double and triple glazing, Gas C/H
- Cavity wall insulation, easily maintained gardens, enclosed patio garden to rear

Plas Ffynnon Way, Oswestry — £229,950

- A well presented Deatached House
- Large Sitting room with bay, Study
- Recently refitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory
- Utility/Cloakroom, Four Excellent bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- D/G, Gas C/H, Parking, Rear Gardens

NO CHAIN
Park Street Close, Oswestry — £143,950

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Semi Detached Bungalow
- Situated in a much sought after cul de sac close to the town centre
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Conservatory, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Family Bathroom, 2 Ground Flr Bedrms, 1st Flr Bedrm with En-Suite WC
- Double glazing, gas fired central heating, easily maintained gardens

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Halls 1845

NEW NO CHAIN

An apartment offering light and bright accommodation located a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre.

- Open Plan Living
- 2 Bedrooms
- Floor To Ceiling Windows To Kitchen
- Balcony
- Contemporary Accommodation

Apartment 6, The Carriages, Oswestry

Price: £110,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A three bedroom semi detached family home situated in a most picturesque rural location in the Tanat Valley.

- 3 Bedroom (2 Double)
- Picturesque Rural Location
- Ample Parking
- Gardens
- Conservatory
- Double Glazing

Maes Watkin, Llangedwyn

Price: £132,500 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

An apartment offering light and bright accommodation located a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre

- 2 Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- Open Plan Living
- Kitchen With Floor To Ceiling Windows
- Contemporary Accommodation
- Walking Distance To Town

Apartment 2, The Carriages, Oswestry

Price: £115,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A charming detached country cottage situated in approximately 1.280 acres of splendid gardens and grounds offering spacious characterful accommodation located in a pleasant rural location.

- 4 Bedroom (2 With En-Suites)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Detached Tandem Garage & Parking
- Paddock & Gardens
- Approx. 1.280 Acres

Waen Cottage, Llansantffraid

Price: £395,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

Set in a tranquil picturesque location, this well appointed three / four bedroom barn conversion needs to be viewed to be truly appreciated.

- 3/4 Bedroom
- Ample Parking
- Gardens
- Picturesque Location
- Oil Central Heating

Trem Y Gyrn, Llangedwyn

Price: £250,000 Contact Ellesmere

NEW NO CHAIN

A two bedroom barn conversion situated in an idyllic rural location with a wealth of character features.

- 2 Bed (1 With Balcony)
- Integral Garage & Parking
- Garden
- Idyllic Rural Location
- Character Features

Ysgubor Y Graig, Llangedwyn

Price: £189,950 Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

An exciting opportunity to purchase a wonderful detached family home situated in a most peaceful rural location. Set in approximately two acres this extended and renovated cottage must be viewed to appreciate the spacious and characterful accommodation.

- Lounge, Breakfast Area / Sitting Room
- Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility Room
- Cloakroom, Master Bedroom & Ensuite
- Three Further Bedrooms, Lovely Bathroom
- Gardens with Garden Store/Workshop
- Ample Parking, Fully Enclosed Field

Sycamore Cottage, Treflach

Price: £425,000 Contact Oswestry

A detached three bedroom family home situated in a popular sought after residential area with private rear gardens with views over Oswestry Town.

- 3 Bedroom Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Garage & Parking
- Views Over Town
- Sought After Area

Jasmine Gardens, Oswestry

Price: £169,950 Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

On an elevated plot, a three bedroom semi detached family home situated in an edge of village location with views to the Breidden Hills and Rodney's Pillar to the front and Llanymynech Hill to the rear.

- 3 Bedroom Semi
- Elevated Position
- Garage & Parking
- Some Modernisation Required
- Oil Central Heating
- Edge Of Village Location

Linden Croft, Llanymynech

Price: £144,950 Contact Oswestry

A spacious individual 4 bedroom barn conversion in grounds extending to approx 1.8 acres and offering much character and flowing accommodation which would especially suit family living.

Harlan House, Nr Weston Rhyn

Price: £499,950 Contact Oswestry

An opportunity to purchase a stone/brick built COTTAGE with a DETACHED ANNEXE. This property is well worthy of viewing to appreciate the character and charm throughout, gardens and annexe.

- 3 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Annexe With Open Plan Living
- Semi Rural Location

Smithy House, Penybont

Price: £289,950 Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

A TWO DOUBLE bedroom family home with garden, situated in a cul de sac location within a popular village and within easy reach of the Train Station and village amenities.

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gardens
- Cul De Sac Position
- Village Location

Foxs Field, Gobowen

Price: £107,500 Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

An IMMACULATE three bedroom semi detached family home situated in a quite cul de sac location in Oswestry Town. Set on a GENEROUS sized plot with large private garden, conservatory and garage this property must be viewed to be appreciated.

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Garage & Parking

Denham Drive, Oswestry

Price: £159,950 Contact Shrewsbury

A FOUR DOUBLE bedroom detached family home with garage and private rear garden situated in a popular residential area with excellent nearby commuter links

- 4 Double Beds (Master & En-Suite)
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- NHBC Guarantee
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

Cae Onan, Morda

Price: £215,000 Contact Oswestry

An immaculate and spacious FOUR bedroom family home situated in a popular cul de sac in a sought after village.

- 4 Bedroom Property
- Garage & Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Sought After Village Location
- Viewing Recommended

Malthouse Close, Whittington

Price: £164,950 Contact Oswestry

A truly lovely town house situated in a most popular area of Oswestry Town offering characterful and spacious accommodation over three floors with parking and garden.

- 4 Bedroom (1 With Dressing Room)
- Over Three Floors
- Garden
- Parking
- Gas Central Heating

Victoria Road, Oswestry

Price: £199,950 Contact Oswestry

Dating back to the 17th century with later additions a former smithy situated in an idyllic rural location just off a no through lane and 0.5 miles from the main road giving easy access to Oswestry and Welshpool

- 4 Bedroom Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Approx 0.5 Acre Of Garden
- Ample Parking
- Former Smithy
- Idyllic Rural Location

Bryn Teg, Meifod

Price: £284,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW BY AUCTION

A fine period Grade II listed property which is believed to be over 300 years old. Offering SIX BEDROOMS and TWO RECEPTION ROOMS with character and charm throughout over the THREE FLOORS, GARDENS and PARKING.

- 6 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Over Three Floors
- Gardens
- Parking
- Auction - 28.09.12

Ty Croes, Llanymynech

Price: Guide £100,000 Contact Oswestry

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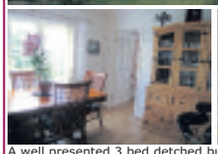


A well presented 3 bed detched bungalow situated on a good sized plot.
Having a restyled kitchen and bathroom. Conservatory, ample parking.
The gardens are a great asset to the property front side and rear. Having a wealth of fruit trees and vegetable plots. A viewing is highly recommended.

£220,000

OSWESTRY

A two bedroomed terraced property
well placed for access to Oswestry Centre and schools
Two reception rooms, kitchen, cloaks.w.c., bathroom
Gas heating, double glazing, pleasant enclosed rear garden
Viewing recommended.

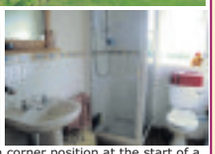
£109,950

OSWESTRY

- An immaculate 2 bedroom house
- On a popular sought after development within walking distance to town centre
- 2 double bedrooms, enclosed private courtyard
- Parking for two vehicles

£145,000

Llanymynech



A well presented four bedroom detached family home situated on a corner position at the start of a cul de sac. The property has two reception rooms, breakfast, kitchen and a utility, with four bedrooms, the master with en-suite shower room and family bathroom. A viewing is recommended so that the property can be fully appreciated.

£189,995

WEST FELTON

A 2 bedroom terraced house well placed for access to Oswestry, Shrewsbury and the A5 road network. The property has a restyled kitchen and bathroom with a pleasant enclosed rear garden. Located towards the end of a cul de sac in this popular Village. Ideal for first purchase or an investment purchase.

£119,950

FRONCYSYLLTE

- Two bedroom detached cottage
- in a semi rural location
- Views over the Dee Valley
- Double glazing, oil central heating,
- gardens to front and side
- Off road parking. Viewing highly recommended

£129,995

MORDA

Occupying a most pleasant position overlooking open fields.
A 3 bedroom semi detached house needs to be viewed to be fully appreciated. Ent hall, Cloaks.w.c., Lounge, Sitting Room, Utility, Breakfast Kitchen, Bathroom. Good sized front and rear gardens with Detached Garage to the rear.

£173,950

MEIFOD

Occupying a most pleasant position overlooking open fields this three bedroom detached character cottage needs to be viewed to be fully appreciated. The property has three reception rooms, a good sized breakfast kitchen with a wealth of character and charm. Externally the property has a workshop, 26ft barn and ground amounting to approximately 0.097 h.a, 0.239 Acres.

£295,000

GOBOWEN

A good sized 1930's semi detached house
Briefly comprising, Ent hall, Cloaks w.c., Lounge, Dining Room, Pantry, Kitchen, Bathroom, Gas heating, pleasant gardens, Garage, off road parking

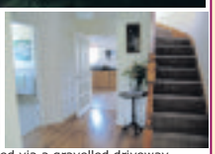
£149,950

PANT

Three bedroom detached bungalow
Two reception rooms.
Restyled kitchen and bathroom
Elevated position. Garage

£199,500

St Martins



A very well presented 4 bedroomed detached bungalow. Approached via a gravelled driveway through farmstyle gates set back from the road. Ent hall, Reception hall, Lounge, Breakfast kitchen, utility room, family bathroom, bedroom one, bedroom two, first floor landing, bedroom three and four, cloaks.w,c,. Double garage/workshop. Viewing recommended

£249,950

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

Spacious detached house has countryside views to rear

A smart four-bedroom detached house in a quiet cul-de-sac with views over open countryside to the rear is for sale priced at £210,000 with no upward chain. Benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing, the spacious accommodation at 9 Maes Hyfryd, Chirk, comprises two reception rooms, cloaks/wc, superb kitchen/breakfast room, utility, conservatory, four bedrooms, three with fitted wardrobes, one ensuite and a family bathroom. There is driveway parking, a garage, and rear garden with lovely views.

For further information please contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com

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Charming three-bed semi includes sun room

Bournley, Trefonen Road, Morda, is a charming three-bedroom semi-detached property which has come onto the market for offers in the region of £134,950.

With ease of access to main commuting roads to Shrewsbury, Welshpool and Chester, the home benefits from having two reception rooms, sun room, gas-fired central heating, double glazing (where stated), enclosed rear garden, double garage/workshop and off-road parking.

For further information please contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadestates.com

WOODHEAD ESTATES

Terraced cottage on village outskirts has been greatly improved

Agents Samuel Wood recommend interior viewing of 3 Pretoria Terrace, an attractive and much improved two-bedroom cottage property on the fringe of the sought-after village of Baschurch.

Downstairs is a living room with decorative brick fireplace, and spacious dining kitchen with door to a decked area leading on to the attractive garden which includes a lawn, flowerbeds and shed.

Upstairs are two bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath, shower over, wash basin and wc. The property has electric heating and off-road parking to the front.

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Penyberwydd, Castle Caereinion, Welshpool
£399,950

- Detached Period Country Property.
- Far reaching 180 degree views of the local countryside and hills.
- Sitting Room with feature brick fireplace and stove.
- Dining Room with stove, Snug, Conservatory.
- Kitchen with b/i appliances, Separate W.C.
- 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C.
- Extending to under One Acre. Detached Garage

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NEW

1 Penybont, Cyfronydd, Welshpool
£139,950

- Semi-Detached Cottage in a rural location,
- Sitting Room with multi-fuel stove. Oil C/H
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- Kitchen, Separate W.C, Wet Room.
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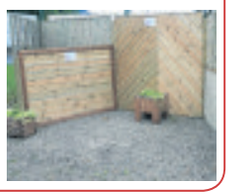

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Andrew John

(Ed)

Passed away peacefully on August 20, 2012, aged 45 years.

Much loved Dad of Beckii, loving Son of Mike and the late Linda and a dear Brother to Chris and Marie.

Funeral Service at St Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry, on Monday, September 3, at 2pm, followed by Interment at Oswestry Cemetery.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to Ward 27 at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

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HALL

Marion

Of Bayston Hill, peacefully in the Severn Hospice, on August 19, 2012, aged 77 years.

Beloved Wife to David, Sister to Susan and Peter, Marion will be sadly missed by her Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to be held at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury, on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 2.30pm.

Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Severn Hospice for which purpose there will be a donation box at the Crematorium.

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Jackie

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Funeral Service at St Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry, on Tuesday, September 4, at 10.30am, followed by Cremation at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham.

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Mr John Burrows, Emma, Stephen and the Family of the late Mrs Rita Burrows wish to express their sincere thanks to all Relatives, Friends, Neighbours and Colleagues for the many cards, letters and other kind messages of sympathy, love and prayers received at this very sad and difficult time, for the attendance of over 100 of you at the Funeral Service and for your donations, which are being received for The Critical Care Unit at The Christie Hospital NHS Trust, Withington, Manchester.

Special thanks to the Doctors and all the Staff at The Christie Hospital NHS Trust for your wonderful care and kindness to Rita and to the Family throughout her illness, to Dennis for your very personal contribution to the Ceremony, to all at The Down Inn for your hospitality and for looking after everyone so well afterwards, to Helen, Chelsea and the Team at Ebenezer's Florists for the beautiful floral tribute and to Mrs Marjorie Brooks and Organist Dr Robert Fowler for leading us in a most uplifting Celebration of Rita's life.

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Olympic lifeguard had great time

A TEENAGER from Oswestry who worked as a lifeguard at this year's Olympics said he had a fantastic time and has learned new skills.

Jono Richardson, 19, from Maesbury, passed all the interviews and training to help out at the swimming events for the London 2012 Olympic Games, in Stratford.

Mr Richardson, who works at Shropshire Council's Oswestry Leisure Centre, trained for three days at the London 2012 Aquatics Centre for the role. He said he worked a number of shifts where he watched over those who took part in the diving and swimming events.

"It was absolutely fantastic," Mr Richardson said. "It was a once in a lifetime experience and I was glad to be there. The atmosphere was fantastic.

"I saw Rebecca Adlington win and it was a nice experience." Being on duty he had to be professional and couldn't cheer on the athletes or speak to them.

During his time there he learned new skills and was trained on how to rescue people from the diving area.

Mr Richardson joined about 180 other volunteer lifeguards for the Games and said there were no incidents while he was on duty.

"I really enjoyed it and would like to do it again," he said.

The Oswestry lifeguard is a keen fan of swimming and has been a competitive swimmer with Oswestry Otters and team captain of Chirk Dragons.

He is now back working in Oswestry.

Elderly left isolated by slow broadband

by Graham Breeze

ELDERLY people in Mid Wales will be left isolated and lonely unless broadband speeds in the area are improved, a charity has warned.

Age Cymru said the internet was vital for older people in the region for keeping up with family and friends, but poor broadband speeds are leaving them unable to cope.

Graeme Francis, of Age Cymru, said: "Access to the internet is not just important for the young or for businesses.

Many older people use the internet and need it in order to access more and more online services and resources, as well as for keeping in touch with family and friends via e-mail and video conferencing, such as Skype.

"But without good broadband, many older residents of Montgomeryshire, as in any part of rural Wales, face being left isolated and detached from vital services."

He added: "Increasing numbers of public services, cheaper prices for goods and information can only be accessed online. Many rural banks and post offices have closed and therefore online access is vital as poor public transport and the cost of motoring in rural areas makes it prohibitive for some to access such services that are now a greater distance from them."

Mr Francis said he had backed Montgomeryshire AM Russell George's campaign for everyone in the area to check broadband speeds and then depending on the results, campaign for better coverage in the area.

Mr George said: "Broadband is vital for rural communities such as Montgomeryshire. It's a utility just like electricity or the phone – a service that we all need.

"Socially it's more and more important to have broadband in order to undertake some basic tasks for many in rural areas.

"For businesses broadband has become a vital tool and unless we have fast and reliable internet connections, many businesses will struggle to do its business online and will simply become uncompetitive."

Vow to fight closure bid for hospital injuries unit

CHIRK could lose its minor injuries unit.

Chirk Hospital faces the loss of the unit in shake-up plans by the health board for North Wales.

The Circle of Friends for the community hospital has launched a consultation over plans to move all the minor injury units in the region to the Wrexham Maelor Hospital and to close inpatient beds at Llangollen's Community Hospital.

The watchdog for North Wales – the Community Health Council – is urging people to make their views known about the plans.

Supporters of the hospital have vowed to fight the proposals.

Sybil Jones, chairman of the friends group voiced concerns for workers at the town's Kronospan and Cadburys/Kraft Foods, as well as visiting tourists, who would be forced to travel to Wrexham for treatment if the closure went ahead.

"This is the dilemma which all residents will be faced with – a long wait for treatment when they already have all the facilities on their doorstep at Chirk Hospital."

The petition is available in Chirk Post Office, Chirk Hospital and Chirk Leisure Centre.

Siobhan at Games

Siobhan Dunn, from Morda, is a volunteer at the Paralympic games.

A WOMAN from Morda is playing a key role in making sure athletes taking part in the London Paralympics get to their venues on time.

Siobhan Dunn has sacrificed her own holiday to volunteer to be a member of the Games' transport team.

The 44-year-old will be working in the athletes' village for the duration of the Games helping to oversee bus transport arrangements. She said: "There is a feelgood factor in the country after the London Olympics and I am sure that will continue into the Paralympics so I am really looking forward to it."

She went to London on August 25 and her first shift was on August 26, three days before the Paralympics start. She added: "My last shift will be on September 8 so I will be there for the duration of the Games."

Siobhan, who works at Oswestry-based aeronautical manufacturer Lindstrand Technologies, said the volunteer role would include many early morning starts.

She said: "My shifts run from 6am to 2pm so will have to take the Tube or a bus from where I am staying early in the morning to get to the athletes' village on time.

"This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a part of the Games."

Centre's vow on late night opening plans

BOSSES at a sports and entertainment centre near Oswestry say plans to extend opening hours will not create extra late night noise or traffic.

Staff at The Venue, in Park Hall, have applied to Shropshire Council for permission to 'vary hours for regulated entertainment/ late night refreshment and the sale of alcohol'.

Graeme Kirkham, management supervisor, said current hours at The Venue on Mondays to Wednesdays were 10am-12pm but they wanted to change them to 9am-1am.

On Fridays and Saturdays they want to change hours from 10am-2am to 9am-2am and on Sunday they want times to change from 10am-2am to 9am-1am.

He said this request would allow toddler groups to start earlier and only 'on the rare occasion' would there be events that would run to early morning.

Bosses at The Venue said they would ensure all doors and windows would be kept closed after 9pm.

Signs would also be put up to encourage people not to disturb neighbouring properties and music would be turned down 30 minutes before closing.

Mr Kirkham said: "We would like to reassure residents there is not going to be any extra noise levels or traffic late at night."

Invitation to watch bats

FAMILIES are invited to go along to an Oswestry Hills Wildlife Watch Group event on Saturday for a twilight walk in search of bats, moths, mice and owls.

People taking part should meet at the Stables in Llanymynech Heritage Area at 7pm for an evening's discovery of nocturnal wildlife.

Shropshire Bat Group will be there to talk about our local bats and there will be a chance to explore the Hoffman Kiln and the canal with bat detectors.

There is a charge of £1 per child for this event. To book call (01691) 828617.

A gentler version of Zumba at sessions

WALFORD and North Shropshire College at Oswestry has a new type of exercise course to offer from September.

Zumba Gold is a low impact version of Zumba. Tutor Sonia Eckhart-Hopkins has been a qualified exercise to music teacher for five years but decided Zumba was not for her.

She instead trained as a Zumba Gold teacher and has been incorporating the routines into her classes for the past 12 months.

"I use well-known, well-loved music that my students enjoy and that they can sing along to rather than be left exhausted and gasping for breath," she added.

Sonia teaches all the steps as she goes along and there are short breaks in between routines.

She added: "At the end students still feel like they've had a really good workout but they also feel like they've learned some new routines and have thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

The 10-week course, which is suitable for all ages and all abilities, will take place at the Eastern Oswestry Community Centre starting on September 20 this year. No equipment is needed.

For more information or to enrol visit *www.wnsc.ac.uk* or telephone (01691) 688000.

Paper chase for music fans to get free concert tickets

GIG tickets were hidden in places around Oswestry town centre by a band from Shropshire to give fans free entry to a farewell event being held tomorrow, Friday.

The Kayas plan to break into the music scene in London and will soon be leaving Oswestry for the capital. As a thank you to fans for all their support they have been hiding pairs of tickets across the town.

Ad Edwards, the band's singer/songwriter, said he sneaked out to hide about 150 tickets for fans. Those who find them will get free entry to The Kayas' official leaving party at Gibsons Nightclub in Oswestry on Friday.

by Graham Breeze

Mr Edwards said: "It is to say thank you to people. I want all those who follow us to come to the party for free and so we are giving away 150 tickets.

"We have had some tickets hidden in phone boxes and alleyways. I was thinking about how we could do a giveaway and the idea came to me at 4am in the morning."

Mr Edwards has been putting photographs on the internet social networking site Facebook hinting at which areas the tickets may be hiding.

"People have got to go to the area and find them," he said. A lot of people were thinking they could look at the picture and find them but you have to go out there to find them.

"The tickets are not too hidden. It is a case of going and looking around in the area to find them." He said he started to hide them on Saturday and there were still about four left to find.

The Kayas has already started making a name for itself further afield. Recently it played at the world premier of the film, Stitched Up, by Enzo Calzaghe, father of world champion Joe.

Those who would like to take part in The Kayas farewell party but could not find a ticket can buy one. They cost £6 in advance or £7.50 on the door.

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Cruise ship job joy for Tamsin

Tamsin Brookes is going to work on a cruise ship.

TAMSIN Brookes is looking forward to life on the ocean wave after winning a coveted job on a cruise ship off the coast of America.

The 19-year-old from Oswestry, who studied hairdressing and beauty therapy at Walford and North Shropshire College, has obtained a position with Steiner, which provides spa and salon services at sea.

Competition for jobs is fierce and Tamsin had to get through a six-hour selection process, with a presentation to demonstrate her speaking and selling skills, a practical session and an interview.

She said her success was due to her training at the Walford and North Shropshire College.

"The three years have flown by," she said.

"I would have stayed on to do more courses if I could but I needed to get out and earn some money. I'd recommend the college to anyone interested in studying hair and beauty."

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NEWS in brief

Rotary Club hands two cheques over

THE Shropshire-based Hope House Children's Hospice has been given £1,500 from the Rotary Club of Llangollen.

The club made the donation, along with £1,500 to Llangollen Silver Band thanks to a charity golf day at Llangollen Golf Club.

President of Llangollen Rotary, Gwyn Jones, said: "It was like seeing double with these two great cheques for £1,500."

The club meets on a Monday evening at 7pm in the Hand Hotel and anyone interested in becoming a Rotarian is welcome to go along.

Widows' group seeks members

A FELLOWSHIP group for bereaved women which meets in Ellesmere each month is on the lookout for new members to join up.

Ellesmere Widows Friendly Club meets on the first Thursday of every month at 10.30am at the Black Lion in Ellesmere.

An informal coffee morning is also held every Thursday at 10am.

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Club's meeting

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Clock-making firm notches up impressive order book

by Graham Breeze

A PRODUCTION line is rolling at Newgate Clocks in Oswestry, bringing manufacturing back to the company for the first time in eight years.

The company's new Made in Britain range has won orders from retail giants including John Lewis and House of Fraser and the factory is now producing 500 clocks a week.

The company is taking on more staff to deal with the demand.

It is advertising jobs for designers to work as its base on the Maesbury Road Industrial Estate.

Sue Brown, from Newgate Clocks, said the company stopped manufacturing in Oswestry eight years ago.

"We reluctantly took our manufacturing to China because we simply could not compete with the international market any other way," she said.

Delighted

"However we were delighted to be able to bring manufacturing back, if only in a small way, with our Made in Britain range.

"And it does seem to be a hit with customers who like the idea of clocks built in this country."

"This is a small part of what we do but it is a very important part."

Now the company, which has 30 employees, is looking for a supply chain co-ordinator, warehouse operative and product and graphic designers.

"We are interested in hearing from graduates with design skills. It is very difficult for young people to find a job and we would love to be able to help.

Two clockmakers at work at Newgate Clocks in Oswestry, Lyn Harvey, left, and Hannah Francis.

"There is a lot of creativity among young designers."

For further information call 01691 679994.

Newgate is known for its oversized and very traditional timepieces as well as its retro clocks, which hark back to the styles of yesteryear.

At Newgate Clocks in Oswestry are Anna Bispham, senior designer, left, and Hannah Smith, development manager with some of their range of clocks.

Cautious welcome for shops handout

A CAMPAIGN group in Oswestry has welcomed plans to plough £75,000 into regenerating shops, but said the cash was not the only answer to the town's problems.

Oswestry Joint Economic Board is offering the cash to help revamp shops and encourage new businesses.

But the Oswestry21.com website, which debates town issues, says rents remain too high. It said the money, though welcome, was 'by no means an answer to the town's problems."

It added: "There is no clear and known answer to our economic malaise."

Skills training and help for business start-ups also needed to be looked at.

"If we can provide Oswestry's human capital with the information and additional skills needed to thrive in today's marketplace, that should be a key, long-term foundation for future growth," it said.

"Now the board has made a useful first step. If it can be suitably open, flexible, innovative, dynamic and collaborative, it could become an important facilitator, helping develop and share common solutions to common problems." It added this would need 'sustained attention, support and leadership' from town councillors'.

The board is a partnership developed by Shropshire Council and the town council.

Helping hand to put out the bins

PEOPLE struggling to put out their recycling boxes and wheelie bins on the kerbside can get a helping hand from a friendly binman as part of a new scheme being rolled out across Mid Wales.

Members of Powys County Council's recycling crew will be able to help elderly and disabled people by picking up waste and recycling from people's property, rather than making them take their wheelie bins and boxes to the kerbside.

The authority introduced a new recycling service in October 2010 and new bins and boxes were distributed around homes this summer.

Steve Holdaway head of local and environmental service, said: "Anyone who is disabled or elderly can apply for an assisted collection, where the crews pick up both recyclables and waste from an agreed area inside the boundary of their property, rather than ask the resident to place them at the kerbside."

"Powys County Council would like the clarify the only charges linked to waste and recycling collections are for residents whose properties have been deemed unsuitable for a wheeled bin and have been issued purple sacks instead."

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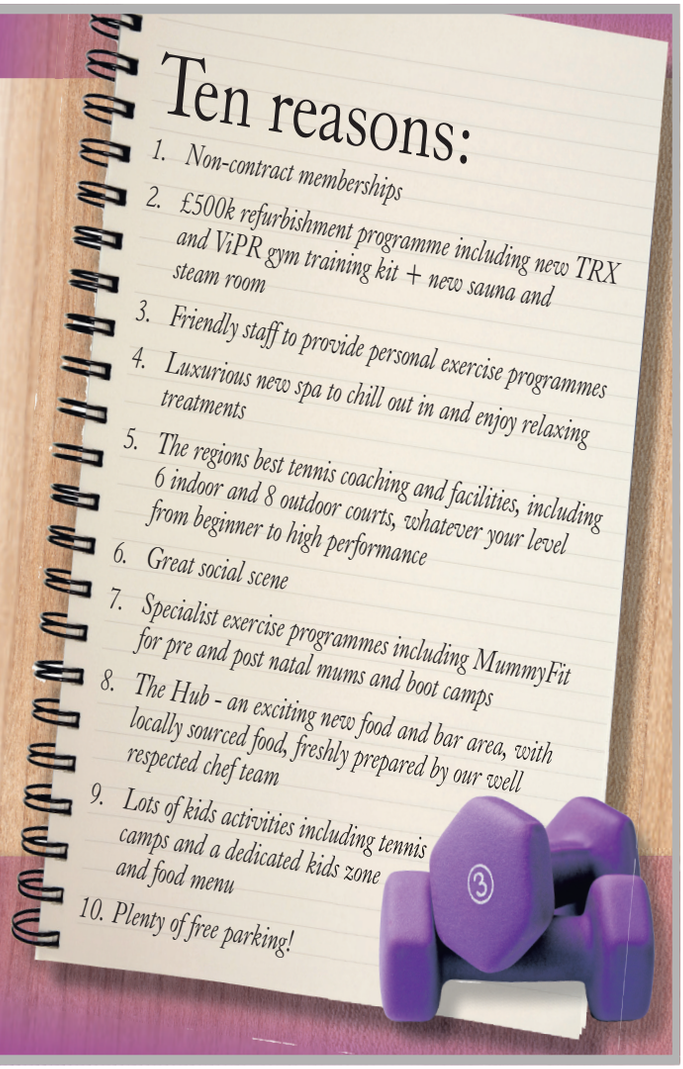

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NEWS in brief

Chef Clare joins staff at border inn

A 16TH century inn on the Shropshire/Wales border has welcomed into its kitchen a chef who used to work for TV's Jamie Oliver.

The West Arms, in Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog, near Oswestry, now has Clare Mansfield working as second chef.

She recently joined after working as part of the team which set up Radio Cafe's tapas evenings in Oswestry. Before that she was employed at Jamie Oliver's Fifteen Cornwall Restaurant.

Clare originally trained as a tailor but about 11 years ago moved to the Highlands of Scotland and switched to cooking.

A spokesman for The West Arms said: "She is passionate about food and being self-taught this strong passion has driven her through a variable career."

Church offering help with debts

PEOPLE worried about getting into debt can now seek help from a church in Oswestry.

Carreg Llwyd Church's social group, Purple Fish, is hosting the three-session course on September 27, October 4 and October 18.

It will be held in the Cafe Milanos coffee house in Chapel Court off English Walls.

For details call 07964 726407.

Health scare hasn't stopped Jenny from helping others

JENNY Upshall has always cared for people and despite going through a heart bypass operation she hasn't stopped helping others during their times of need.

The 63- year-old likes to see negatives turned into positives and has always looked at life with enthusiasm and excitement.

Jenny has spent much of her life in nursing before moving to Oswestry in 1994 where she later set up Allenby Douglas Ltd, a company specialising in holistic care for people in their own homes.

Born in Suffolk she trained in nursing in Ipswich. Both her mother and grandmother were psychiatric nurses.

At the age of 22 she was promoted to a ward sister and moved to West Suffolk before becoming a senior officer for the Royal College of Nursing and working on employment tribunal boards.

But one day as she was going about her business a sharp pain shot across her chest. When it didn't get any better she visited her doctor who referred her to a cardiologist. Tests were carried out which revealed she had a 70 per cent blockage in a major artery.

She said: "They told me 'you are 45 years old and the best thing to do is have a bypass, that way you will live. It could block up or you could die'.

"I hadn't got cholesterol problems and in my head I couldn't believe what I was looking at on the X-ray."

She had the bypass but refused a second when the first failed. Fortunately further procedures and X-rays showed that her instinct had been correct, she did not have a blockage but something quite different which another bypass would not have helped.

She took early retirement from working at the Royal College of Nursing and studied a masters degree in Health Law and Ethics and then decided to set up her own consultancy helping with employment tribunals.

In searching for the part of the country to live she discovered Oswestry after 'an accidental journey over the racecourse' which 'brought love at first sight.

In 2000, she started Allenby Douglas Ltd, named after her father who had suffered as a Japanese prisoner of war.

"Despite his horrific experiences he had forgiven and he believed that adversity was a challenge," she said.

"He visited sick pensioners in their homes maintaining that people should stay in their home to receive care and support. The company's philosophy underpins his beliefs."

Starting with two members of staff, 12 years later, it is running successfully with 45 members of staff and has nearly 100 clients.

It helps people needing care by adding the extra human touch to make them feel, she said, 'valued, loved and cherished'.

Together with her work at the company Jenny continues to sit on Employment Tribunals in Shrewsbury and Birmingham.

She is grateful for the support of her husband, her daughter and her 90-year-old, 'inspirational' mother.

Jenny Upshall, owner of Allenby Douglas care home provider.

Golf club offering coaching for free

BUDDING golfers are being encouraged to get into the sport by taking up free coaching sessions at an Oswestry course.

Mile End Golf Club has been offering free golf coaching taster sessions for adult beginners and they are being followed by a free six-week course, which began on Tuesday.

They are open to beginners and non members.

Richard Williamson, speaking on behalf of the England Golf Partnership, said the free coaching was being offered as part of England Golf's club coaching grant scheme.

The scheme provides GolfMark facilities with funding to support recruitment and retention activities for adults, young people and families.

He said: "GolfMark is England Golf's national scheme that identifies and recognises junior and beginner friendly golf facilities.

"Details of all venues offering coaching activities as part of the club coaching grant scheme will be promoted on the Get into Golf website www.getintogolf.org

"The Shropshire & Herefordshire County Golf Partnership is also helping to develop golf within the county by offering sessions to increase participation and providing support."

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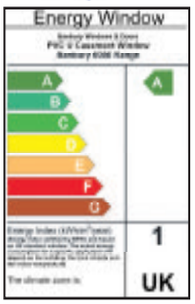

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Full steam ahead for town boat rally day

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There will be folk singers, children's entertainment, traditional stalls and food stalls along the towpath of the Llangollen Canal in Ellesmere.

Entertainment will also include historic boats, boat trips and a dog show as well as the chance to see the restored Blacksmiths' Forge at the Ellesmere Yard.

The event will start with a boaters social evening and quiz night on September 7 and will run all weekend, between 10am and 4pm on September 8 and 9.

On the Saturday evening there will be a singing performance and stories of the waterways will be told.

Tickets are £12 including supper and can be purchased at the rally.

For more details visit www.shropshireunion.org.uk.

Craft morning

CRAFT events are being held at a centre near Oswestry over the summer holidays. Moreton Park Garden Centre is holding its next event on Thursday from 10.30am-12.30pm. Children are urged to drop in during the morning to take part.

Little owl with a big voice can make its presence felt

ON THE WILD SIDE with Ben Waddams

IT'S not often that I'm woken during the night; so when it happens it's quite alarming. Not least of all when what wakes you is a piercing screech.

There are several possible animal perpetrators; dogs, cats, foxes, but this was none of them. Instead it was a small bird, no larger than a mistle thrush but with sharper talons and a larger than life personality.

The Little Owl was introduced to Britain from Holland in 1889. Back then it was known as 'the fierce little foreigner' and all those adjectives certainly do the little owl justice.

Its Latin name, Athene noctua, refers to the Greek goddess, Pallas Athene, who took the owl as her emblem. For the Greeks it was a symbol of peace and intelligence, but the Romans cursed the little owl as a bad omen, for their version of Athene linked her with war.

The little owl is not strictly nocturnal and is often active during the day. It can sometimes be seen perched on fence posts or telegraph poles and if approached, will bob up and down nervously, waggling its head. Because it appears small and dumpy when standing, its large head and correspondingly big eyes, make it appear as though all the bird is is a head! However if you advance too close, you will see that in flight, the little owl looks similar to any other owl.

Often this little bundle of feathers atop a fence post, will be mobbed by hordes of smaller birds, or a crow or two.

These birds are not usually prey to the little owl, although during the summer breeding season, they will take young fledgling birds such as thrushess and robins.

To a small garden bird, the little owl is certainly recognised as a fierce little foreigner in their territory.

But what of that piercing cry? Well the characteristic 'kee-wit' of the little owl is a way for the adults to communicate to each other. However this is most common in the breeding season and since we're past that now in Shropshire, I expect the screech I heard was a couple of youngsters 'talking' to each other.

Unexpectedly

Despite its diurnal ramblings, the little owl does prefer to hunt at dusk or during the night. Its prey consists mainly of insects and small mammals, however unlike most other birds of prey, the little owl will occasionally eat plant material and berries.

It will also hunt earthworms and has been observed (but alas not by me) falling over backwards when it suddenly and unexpectedly wins a tug of war with one.

You might have a better chance of seeing a little owl do battle with an earthworm if you had one resident in your garden and it is a happy fact that they do take to nest boxes.

If you find one taking to your garden, let me know, I'd be delighted. But don't blame me if you experience a few sleepless nights!

Ben Waddams is a wildlife artist. His work can be seen at The Gallery Tearooms and online at www.waddams.webs.com

'Fierce little foreigner' aka Little Owl – by Ben Waddams.

Children enjoyed summer sessions

MORE than 75 children have taken part in summer activity programmes at a college in north Shropshire, the highest number ever to take part.

The three weeks of multi-activity sessions at Ellesmere College included a variety of games, sports, drama, and crafts and organisers have said it was their busiest summer so far.

It included designing a flag stamped with hand prints and names to commemorate the London 2012 Olympics and a day of Olympic themed events with children dressing up to represent different countries.

Chris Rogers, the sports centre manager and holiday course coordinator, said: "With the nation gripped by the Olympics our children really got into the spirit of the events we put on.

"We are delighted that this has been our busiest summer and we have seen more children than ever take part in the courses."

Call Chris on (01691) 626540 email chris.rogers@ellesmere.com

Open mic night

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Natural landscape in focus on chart

VISITORS to a Shropshire beauty spot can learn more about its landscape thanks to a new identification chart which describes the animal and plant life that can be found there.

Features of the Meres and Mosses of Shropshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire has been produced by the Field Studies Council, based at Preston Montford.

The distinctive meres and mosses landscape, between Wem, Whitchurch and Ellesmere, is considered one of the UK's most special wetland areas, being home to carnivorous plants, rare mosses and grass snakes.

The white-faced darter dragonfly has also been brought back from near-extinction, thanks to conservation efforts.

The new fold-out chart contains illustrations and information about the landscape, and is laminated for use outdoors.

FSC project officer Pete Boardman said: "These charts offer an ideal way for everyone to explore this special region and discover more about it.

"Many aspects of the environment have been carefully depicted to help people of all ages and levels of experience to identify them."

The chart costs £3.50. Det ails at *www.field-studies-council.org/publications/pubs/meres-and-mosses.aspx*

Call for rethink on plans to build near Owen site

HISTORIANS have called for a rethink on plans to build homes near the birthplace of Shropshire war poet Wilfred Owen should a campaign to have the property listed prove successful.

by Iain St John

Outline approval has already been given for seven homes in the grounds of the poet's childhood home at Plas Wilmot in Oswestry.

But calls have been made for Shropshire Council to look again at the plans should the Government's Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport department agree to the listing.

Oswestry Civic Society and the Wilfred Owen Association both said they were supporting the listing application.

Historian Dr Nigel Tinsley, who is researching the history of Plas Wilmot, says the proposed development would occupy about three of approximately four acres of land at the poet's birthplace.

He said: "At Darwin's birthplace they don't allow building anywhere near the house.

"While a number of local people feel that no development at all should take place on the site, others suggest a compromise solution.

"One idea is that a line would be drawn between the east gate and the west gate and that no development should take place to the south of that line. The most sensitive areas; the orchard, the vegetable garden, where Wilfred played at soldiers. and the site of the pool would all be preserved.

"Under this plan only one third of the land would be developed."

Dr Tinsley added: "The site has remained pretty well intact for well over a century. It would be unfortunate if its heritage value were to be compromised now, just when Wilfred Owen's star is rising so fast and the 2014 centenary only 18 months away."

Wilfred Owen died in November 1918 in the final days of the First World War.

He is famous for poems such as Dulce Et Decorum Est and Anthem for Doomed Youth.

In March, planning permission was granted to build seven homes in the orchard and paddock at Plas Wilmot.

An application for listing is now being processed by English Heritage.

Line dancers raise Air Ambulance cash

Pictured presenting the cheque are from left: Skid (Line Dance teacher), Dorothy Probert, Awel Jones, Anne Salt, Brenda Jones and Anna Evans.

MEMBERS of a Country and Western Line Dancing group in Rhydycroesau have raised £265 for Wales Air Ambulance by holding a partner dancing evening.

The money was received by Anna Evans, fundraiser for the charity when she visited the group during one of their sessions.

The group meet every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Rhydycroesau Village Hall and are always happy to welcome new members to the group. Classes are also held at the village on Mondays from 1.30pm.

NEWS in brief

Solicitor's plea to separated parents

A FAMILY law solicitor based in Oswestry is urging separated parents to put their differences aside and their children first during National Family Week.

The week runs from August 25 and August 31 and aims to promote positive family values and inspire a new generation to champion and cherish family life.

Caroline Gregg, who works in the Oswestry office of law firm GHP Legal, said warring parents should make a special effort during the week to ensure that they both spend some quality time with their children during the school holidays.

Council launches its new calendar

A calendar for the new academic year has been launched in Welshpool.

Welshpool Town Council traditionally publishes an annual town calendar, featuring photographs taken in the area.

It has teamed up with Welshpool Camera Club to produce the academic year calendar, which runs from August 2012 to July 2013 and features photographs of the town and surrounding area taken by club members.

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Larkin Poe thrills Ironworks crowd

by Chrissy Symmons

LARKIN Poe took to the stage at The Ironworks in Oswestry last week to entertain the crowds with a soul and a bluegrass sound.

Rebecca and Megan Lovell, from Georgia, stopped off at the venue, in Church Street, as part of their biggest UK tour so far, organised to promote the new album Thick as Thieves.

The Lovell sisters, who are both in their 20s, were accompanied by bandmates who played the electric guitar, bass guitar and drums.

They started the night with energy and passion as they launched into their first song, a bluesy-sounding track called Long Hard Fall. The tune instantly drew attention to Rebecca's strong vocals.

During the evening they performed self-penned numbers as well as some covers, including one by Jimi Hendrix . They also played a number of tracks from the new album which explored soul and R&B music while still holding on to its bluegrass and country roots.

It was encouraging to go and watch a band who could play their instruments with skill and ease.

Other noteworthy numbers included a cover of Wade in The Water which the band described as a 'dirty southern song' and one for the sisters' grandfather called Mad as a Hatter.

Larkin Poe played well, effortlessly even, to an appreciative crowd who tapped feet to the beat.

Rebecca told the audience this was the second time the group had performed at The Ironworks since it started about two years ago. She told audiences she loved seeing all the encouraging faces.

The night was organised with the help of Worlds Biggest Events and The Ironworks offered a chilled atmosphere for the audience.

Larkin Poe will be touring Europe with dates including several major festival appearances in the UK. For details visit *www.larkinpoe.com*

Larkin Poe – Rebecca and Megan Lovell

GIG GUIDE 01691 668094

Kayas' farewell gig as London beckons

GIG GUIDE with Edward Roberts

LOCAL band The Kayas play their farewell gig in Oswestry tomorrow, Friday.

The gig at Gibsons nightclub will see the band play one last show for their local fans before they head off to London next month.

The four-piece indie band formed in 2007 and has been gaining a large amount of buzz around them in recent years. A very successful 2011 saw the band sign with Midlands label Abblet Music and culminated in them beginning work on their first album at The Sawmill recording studio.

The band has continued to build on last year's success and the move to London will no doubt net them even more fans. The gig, meant as a thank you to all those who supported them over the last few years will also be filmed, with the footage to be used in the video for their next single Power to the People.

The gig is open to ages 14 and above and tickets cost £6 in advance or £7.50 on the door. They are available from The Bell Inn, Jacksons Clothing and Gibsons Night Club. For any further information ring - 07825 090100. The single "Power to the People" will be released on October 1.

Tonight, Thursday, will see Polly Paulusma paying another visit to the Ironworks in Oswestry. The talented singer-songwriter, who has supported the likes of Bob Dylan, Coldplay and Jamie Cullum, is promoting her third album, Leaves from the Family Tree, which was released on her own record label Wild Sound.

The gig starts at 8pm with tickets costing £5. There will be support from The Innocent. Joe Seager will play at the Royal Oak Hotel in Welshpool on Friday 3 at 9pm. Entry is free. The Fox Inn will see another performance from The Vinylettes on September 1. .

American ska/punk band OPM head to the Ironworks on September 5. The band are perhaps best known for their hit Heaven is a Halfpipe in 2001.

The gig starts at 9pm with tickets costing £9. Support comes from Awesome Zombie Ants and Thin Vision.

Members of Oswestry band The Kayas from left, Duane Williams, Ad Edwards, Ash Edwards, Sam Hall and Will Stokes, front.

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Quiz time at ex-civil service staff club

IT WILL be quiz time for the members of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship at their next meeting, which is being held at the Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry on Tuesday.

The meeting will start with coffee at 10.30am followed by the chairman's quiz.

The Fellowship is a local group for government and other pensioners.

Those who are interested are welcome to attend the meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Wynnstay Hotel.

There is an annual subscription for those pensioners who are not members of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship of £10.

Further details about the group and its activities can be obtained by contacting the chairman Anne Wilson on 650419.

Village ready for showtime

THE 36th annual Weston Rhyn Show will be held on September 8.

The event will run from 2pm, with fun throughout the afternoon.

Admission will cost 50p for adults and free for under 12s.

Welshpool livestock market

August 27
OTMS (35)

An entry of 35 over-thirty-month-old cattle sold to average 125ppkg for the cows, 170ppkg for the bull and 177ppkg for a heifer under 72 months. A Limousin cow weighing 777kg achieved a top price of £1,181.04 from R & L Meredith, Upper Lletherllwynt. Another Limousin cow achieved £1,030.75 from I & J Evans, Llwyn Hywel. E Gethin & Co Tycoch sold two Limousin cows under 72 months to £1,203.84 and £971.80. R & L Meredith, Upper Lletherllwynt, receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest-price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on (01938) 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (9)

A disappointing entry of only nine fat heifers entered the market today, selling to average 206ppkg. GW & BA Haynes, Trefnant Isaf, sold four Limousin heifers over 480kg to 233ppkg, 230ppkg, 224ppkg and 218ppkg. G W & BA Haynes, Trefnant Isaf, receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday at approximately 12.30pm. More fat cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on (01938) 553438.

PRIME LAMBS (4,190)

An entry of 4,190 prime lambs, selling to an overall average of 176ppkg.

Super Lights (Up to 25.4kg) (10) to 183ppkg from RGK Hodnett, Willey House. Average of 182ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (355) to 193ppkg from I W White, Melinyrefail. Others to 189ppkg from AJ & JC Daniel, Abergwydol Farm. Average of 177ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (847) to 192ppkg from PJ & EM Kenyon, Pentre Glomen. Others to 189ppkg from GW & WW Jones, Hill Farm. Average of 172ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (2113) to 209ppkg from E H Pennie & Son, Gwern Y Ychain. Others to 201ppkg from D R Owen & Sons, Sandilands. Average of 178ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (828) to 190ppkg from M P B Ashton & Son, Belan Ddu. Others to 189ppkg from D R Owen & Sons, Sandilands. Average of 178ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (16) to 168ppkg from J M Price, Maeshyfryd. Others to 167ppkg from D P Casewell, Tanrhiw. Average of 158ppkg.

CULL EWE (3,114)

An entry of 3,114 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £48.50 for the ewes and £98.82 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £125 per head from E L Evans & Co, The Green. Top price for the cull rams was £151 per head from T & GA Owen & Son, Frochas Farm. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at noon.

STORE LAMBS & IN-LAMB EWES

A much larger entry of 800 breeding ewes sold to a steady trade with store good price achieved. A good ring full of buyers were present. Top prices where as follows:

Zwarblex ewe lambs to £71 from E R Morris, Pantycargle Beguildy.

Speckled Face, Full Mouth ewes to £52 from P Davies, Tynllwyn, Devils Bridge.

Welsh Mule Yearlings to £125 from D Edwards, Haulfryn.

Pure Bred Charollais yearlings to £152 from D Davies, Cwm Farm.

Pure Bred Texel ewes to £180 from R Atkins, 1 Shop Fach.

Suffolk x yearlings to £128 from G Williams, Caethro.

Suffolk x yearlings to £136 from A Breeze & Co, Upper Fachwen.

Texel x yearlings to £135 from A Breeze & Co, Upper Fachwen.

Store Lambs

A good entry of 750 store lambs sold to a generally steadier trade. Top prices of £71.50 and £75 where achieved by I & J Evans, Llwyn Hywel. Overall the store lambs average £57.50.

DAIRY COWS

With six heifers forward on Bank Holiday Monday trade was slightly easier than a fortnight ago. Two Genus-sired Westminster heifers from JC & W Davies, Gartheryr, sold for £1,980 and £1,650. A Brigadier-sired heifer calved a week from WA & EM Morris Maestanyglwyden sold for £1,880. New Vendor R N Thompson, Oak Green Farm, sold two heifers giving 25 litres for £1,600 and £1,650. A breakdown of prices achieved where as follows: £1,800+ 2 lots, £1,600 – £1,800 3 lots, Less than £1600 1 lot.

FORTHCOMING SALES:

Monday, September 3, Sale of organic and conventional store cattle and cows and calves.

Wednesday, September 5, Welsh Beltex Show & Sale.

Saturday, September 8, machinery sale at Coed Y Dinas.

Monday, September 10, sale of dairy cows.

Wednesday, September 13, sale of Welsh mule ewes.

Thursday, September 14, sale of Welsh mule ewe lambs.

Saturday, September 15, sale of Ped Limousin Cattle on behalf of Evans Penrhos & Jerman, Glangwden.

Oswestry cattle auctions

August 22
FAT CATTLE: (61)

A very small show of cattle forward. Many more could have been sold at a good price.

Top slots hit 224p Heifers, 219p Bulls and 204p Steers. An overall Market average of 190.5p was achieved with a mixy show of cattle on offer in the clean.

If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market office.

Young Bulls (37) Overall Average 194p.

Light Bulls (4) Average 185p (£785/head) Selling to 198p from J Evans & Son Tanygarth

Medium Bulls (17) Average 194p (£1040/head) Selling to 219p from A M Jones Middle Farm

Heavy Bulls (16) Average 196p (£1180/head) Selling to 215p from J Gittoes Wrexham

Steers (16) Overall Average 181p.

Light Steers (1) Selling to 189p (£869/head) from J M Edwards Lower Morton Farm

Medium Steers (2) Average 159p (£812/head) Selling to 181p from J M Edwards Lower Morton Farm

Heavy Steers (13) Average 183p (£1185/head) Selling to 204p from A R & E M Evison Ty Gwyn

Heifers (8) Overall Average 194p

Medium Heifers (2) Average 215p (£962/head) Selling to 224p from J Evans & Son Tanygarth

Heavy Heifers (6) Average 189p (£1130/head) Selling to 218p from R E Hughes Parc Farm

A very good trade, short of numbers, short of quality butchers cattle.

Thank you for your continued support.

FAT LAMBS: (3384)

A good entry of 3384 fat lambs on Wednesday, August 22 up by 200 on the corresponding day last year.

The overall average was 189p/kg. These averages reflect the number of standard and medium lambs forward, these categories were in good demand with most of the buyers punting strong.

The trade on the day compared very favourably on the week with neighbouring markets and were up 13p/kg on the same day last year. 339 light lambs peaked at 199p/kg averaging 180p/kg.

The top call was from W A Jones Cwmfedw with 29kg lambs making £57.80. 1005 standard lambs levelled at 187.5p/kg peaking at 213p/kg with 35kg lambs from H M Jones Hafodyresgob making £74.50. 1723 medium lambs levelled at 191p/kg peaking at 201p/kg with 44kg lambs from R T Jones & Co Rhydygro making £88.50. Top call of the day was £91.80 for heavy lambs, and £95 for others.

More lambs required each week to fulfil demand. Superlights to 155p Lights to 199p average 180p, Standards to 213p average 187.5p, Mediums to 201p average 191p, Heavy's to 193p average 185p, Others to 174p average 163p. Overall average 189p.

FAT EWES: (907)

Ewes to £80.00 average £39.00, Rams to £80.00, average £61.50

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (70)

A reduced entry today selling to a generally easier trade for continentals. Friesians maintaining recent levels. A British Blue Heifer topping the sale at £345 from Messrs Hudson Wood Farm.

Charolais Heifers to £335 & £318 from Messrs Pryce Coedmawr. Limousin Heifers to £320, £305 & £250 from Messrs Jones Manor Farm. Charolais Bulls to £280 from Messrs Clay Brook Farm. Limousin Bulls to £278 from Messrs Jones Manor Farm, £278 from Messrs Jones Gelli, £265 from Messrs Owen Upper Garth. British Blue Bulls to £260 from Messrs Suckley Weston Farm, £240 from Messrs Jones Bank Farm, £232 from Messrs Thomas Edgbold. Friesian Bulls to £175 from Messrs Jones Manor Farm, £139 from Messrs Suckley Weston Farm, £125 & £106 from Messrs Manford Brynkinallt, £118 from Messrs Royle Berriewood, £116 from Messrs Pryce Coedmawr, £107 from Messrs Lewis New House.

U72 & CULL COWS: (57)

A good entry of 57 cattle met with a fantastic trade. The best cows were in tremendous demand but even the plain animals were selling extremely well. Probably one of the best trades for OTM cattle that we have seen. Top price Cow 185p/kg. Top price overall £1494.

Cows

Charolais to 166p average 142.85p/kg

Limousin to 185p average 143.42p/kg

Belgian Blue to 157p average 144.02p/kg

Aberdeen Angus to 142p average 138.35p/kg

Blonde D'Aquataine to 167p average 156.77p/kg

Others to 154p average 134.64p/kg

Friesian to 128p average 99.46p/kg

Heifers

Charolais to 168p/kg

Hereford to 165p average 163.05p/kg

Friesian to 154p average 150.15p/kg

Steers

Continental to 170p average 164.24p/kg

Hereford to 158p/kg

57 Cattle average 133.45p/kg

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New Grand Vitara takes a step forward

The latest version of the Suzuki Grand Vitara – a full-bodied 4x4 with style

IT'S over 24 years since Suzuki unveiled the Grand Vitara, claiming the world's first compact SUV, and how things have changed since then.

Early Vitaras tapped into a new market for vehicles delivering off-road ability with fun-to-drive performance but models were basic to say the least.

The latest Grand Vitara marks evolution rather than revolution for Suzuki, but the company has certainly kept pace with a growing demand for good looking SUVs.

The Grand Vitara 2.4-litre is available in three and five-door body styles and different grades – two for three-door model and two for five-door model – ranging from a lower to a higher level of specification: SZ3, SZ4 and SZ5.

DRIVE TIME with Graham Breeze

At the heart of the model is a 122kW/166PS 2.4-litre petrol engine delivering improved power and torque, and since March tailpipe emissions are lower at 201g/km for the three-door model and 204g/km for five-door models.

The engine incorporates a series of features that at launch were seen for the first time on a Suzuki-designed powerplant. These included a three-stage variable air intake and a tumble control valve in the intake ports to achieve the best possible fuel-air mixture.

Further innovative measures introduced to reduce engine noise and vibration include a balancer shaft, built into the oil pump to save space; a "silent" timing chain, and a new bearing cap to support the crankshaft, made from lightweight but hard-wearing ductile cast iron.

A stiffer engine block, revised engine mounts, detail changes to propeller shaft components and extra insulation all contributed to bring noise and vibration levels in the 2.4-litre model even lower than before.

A new petrol engine in the Grand Vitara delivers improved power and torque

Noise

There's no mistaking that the Grand Vitara is a full-blooded 4x4 and it really does look the part today, but still lacks the comforts of more expensive alternatives in the market. The ride is too firm and there is still a lot of engine noise despite all the efforts at improvement.

On the plus side the firm suspension limits body movement and there is good grip and well weighted steering on the open road.

Inside the cab it's clear Suzuki has raised its game when it comes to quality. All the controls are clearly identified and not over elaborate while the cabin is solidly built and stylish and should stand the test of time.

The boot is a useful size, though only just passed the golf club test, which is disappointing considering the size of the vehicle. The rear seats fold forward for extra load space but they stack behind the front seats' limiting available space.

> "There's no mistaking that the Grand Vitara is a full-blooded 4x4 and it really does look the part today"

The side-hinged door looks good but in reality can prove a problem when loading up with anything parked behind.

There's no denying the Vitara looks good though. All models come with alloy wheels, front electric windows, climate control, remote central locking and a CD player with steering wheel-mounted controls.

SZ4 trim adds rear privacy glass, a CD changer and upgraded stereo, larger alloy wheels and front foglamps, while the SZ5 on test featured wood trim inlays to the centre console and integrated door armrests enhancing all-round cabin quality.

The Grand Vitara has a comprehensive safety package, including front, side and curtain airbags for driver, front seat passenger and rear passengers (outer rear seats on five-door models).

ISOFIX child seat mountings with top-tether anchor are fitted as standard on the rear seats.

In the event of an accident, the reinforced cabin structure, impact absorbing crush zones, and the design of the 'built-in ladder frame' construction direct impact energy away from the cabin.

The cabin itself is further reinforced including door impact bars and deformation-resistant members. Pedals are designed to minimise protrusion into the footwell, and there's a head impact protection structure.

Suzuki has sold over 180,000 Vitaras since 1988 and with prices ranging from £15,995 to £23,275 it's obvious those sales will be on the increase because this is affordable four wheel drive motoring.

Improved quality inside the cab

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Over the past few weeks driving into work has been a delight. You will hopefully have experienced clearer roads, shorter journey times and a less stressful journey.

In London, the combination of the Olympics and school holidays has meant the roads have been considerably quieter. However, September is fast approaching and it's important to take extra care as the school run starts again.

The school run brings with it approximately 20 per cent growth in rush hour traffic. A little preparation beforehand can go a long way to making your journey much easier. Give yourself a bit more time for your journey – and yes that just might mean ten minutes less spent in bed.

By Caroline Holmes
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Take your time. Don't compromise your concentration and the safety of other road users by being in a hurry. Leaving the house five minutes earlier changes the nature of how you make the journey. The extra time allows for any delays.

Whether you're ferrying the kids or driving to work, your journey is likely to involve passing schools and residential areas. Take extra care on the roads to compensate for the fact that children won't always be paying attention, especially when approaching the school gate.

If you're dropping your children off to school, don't stop on the yellow zigzags by the school gate. Try to stop in a safe place ensuring you let your passengers out on the pavement side. This makes it easier for vehicles to get past and avoids causing congestion in front of the school.

Sharing

If you're child has a friend nearby who attends the same school, consider sharing the driving. Arrange an informal deal with other parents to reduce the driving pressure.

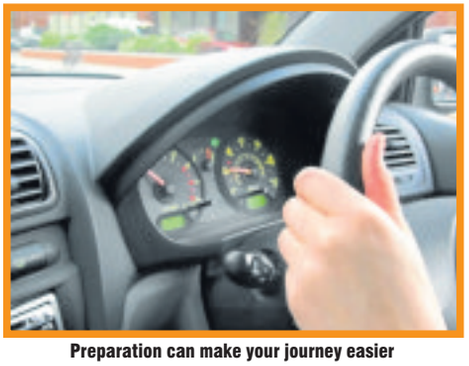
Be aware that the speed limit surrounding the local school may have been reduced to 20mph, so slow down and keep an eye out for children crossing the road.

If your children are walking to school on their own, make sure they are aware of the potential hazards such as crossing busy roads and encourage them to always use the pedestrian crossing if there is one.

For more information on planning your holiday driving, check out drivingadvice.org.uk, for traffic updates, weather forecasts, and driving tips, including: driving abroad, cycling and loading the car for a long journey.

The IAM has launched a new website, for biking advice and tips, bikingadvice.org.uk, with traffic updates, touring advice by country and all you need to know about events and local groups.

Tips cover riding with pillions, in groups and night riding. There's also a videos page and you can upload your touring photos and stories – get involved at www.betterbiking.org.uk.



Preparation can make your journey easier

Dealership's new fleet

Arthurs Vauxhall, the award-winning Vauxhall dealers with branches in Oswestry and Newtown, have continued investment in their business by ordering a fleet of new courtesy cars to loan out to customers whilst their own cars are being serviced.

Mark Evans, service manager at the Oswestry branch, said: "We are committed to offering the best quality of service and providing a car, free of charge, whilst the customer's car is in for service. This is part of our commitment.

"As we operate in a relatively rural area, it is important for our customers to keep mobile and a free courtesy car is just part of our service offer."

Mark added: "What many customers may not be aware of is, even with our fixed-price service offers, we still provide a free courtesy car."

The new fleet of courtesy cars are expected to arrive early next month and will be some of the first 62 reg cars on the road.

Mark Evans

Vauxhall Mokka in demand

Arthurs Vauxhall is already enjoying sales success with the new Vauxhall Mokka which is due to be launched in November.

Paul Baker, operations manager, said: "The interest has been immense and we have already taken some orders for this exciting new addition to the Vauxhall range.

"Not only is this a fantastic car, we can also offer it on the incredibly popular flexible finance scheme whereby customers don't have to pay a deposit, and can have 0 per cent interest over five years – subject to status.

"So, we have a great car and great finance packages making it very affordable.

"Both of our branches, at Oswestry and Newtown, have some highlight brochures available for anyone interested in one of these exciting models."

He said Mokka was for those who liked to 'think bigger.'

It was a innovative new model that combined the road presence of an SUV, with the dynamic handling of a sports hatchback.

Sleek

And, said Paul, its sleek, bold design was sure to turn heads from any angle. The Mokka had an eye-catching cabin filled with style and outstanding specification that put cutting-edge design and technology right in the hands of the driver.

"All this is combined to place a sense of adventure back into everyday driving," he added.

Paul Baker

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07 JAGUAR S TYPE 2.7 TD Auto. Moonstone Blue, Low Mileage, Dealer History ..... SOLD
07 VW FOX Blue £2895
07 PEUGEOT 207 1.6 SPORT Silver £4995
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55 MAZDA RX8. Black, 39k £3975
55 PEUGEOT 307 XSi 2.0 HDi Diesel. Bronze Met, Leather £5350
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07 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 1.90 CDTi AC, CD, ALLOYS, SERVICE HISTORY, 34K £6,250
56 MONDEO 2.2 TD CI ZETEC, BLACK, SAT NAV, CRUISE CONTROL, FSH 66K £4,995
57 TOYOTA AYGO 60K, BLUE, ONE OWNER, 12 MONTH ROAD TAX £20 ..... £4,695
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03 PASSATT, 2L SE, CLIMATE CONTROL, CD,ALLOYS, 70K £2,495
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Korando crossovers are going for a SsangYong

STREET cred counts when you start talking about crossover vehicles; cars with the pumped up looks of a proper off-roader but the driving feel of an easy-going hatchback, *writes Ian Dondaldson*.

It's proving a compelling mix, with thousands of drivers abandoning their hatchbacks every year for the pull of a crossover and the chance to move up in the world (literally, you sit higher than in other cars).

But most important of all in this high-style part of the market is what the car says about the person who bought it.

Smile

It's got to look the part of urban jungle warrior and not make your neighbours smile for the wrong reason as you arrive home in your new purchase for the first time.

The SsangYong Korando certainly looks the part. Designed by the man who shaped everything from the first Golf, a Ferrari or two and a flotilla of favoured Fiats, the 4x4 from Korea looks good against the competition.

A study of its specification shows the Korando is up to scratch too, offering all the kit a crossover kid could hope for and including, in several versions, a four-wheel drive system that clicks in when the going gets slippery.

But the compelling reason you might consider a Korando is the price. The model tested here is SsangYong's answer to potential buyers who wanted 4x4 capability but at a lower cost than current Korandos offered.

The SsangYong Korando – the latest big thing to come out of Korea

Enter the Korando SX at £18,795, a healthy £2,650 less than the EX and losing in the process only a little power from basically the same diesel engine, along with slightly smaller alloy wheels, heated leather seats (front and rear) and a simpler air con system.

The new entry-level 4x4 is more than £2,800 less than the Hyundai ix35, for example, and comes with a more powerful engine and lacks little or nothing in the goodies count.

But here things grow more complicated. You've almost certainly heard of Hyundai but SsangYong could well be a stranger to your motoring vocabulary (let alone trying to spell the name).

In fact, the Korean company has been around for years but has made only half-hearted attempts to sell its cars here until recently. Now, with a growing dealer network and a more compelling sales pitch, more people might soon be able to spell SsangYong.

Even before you drive this latest down-priced Korando there's the five year, unlimited mileage warranty to get you interested. It covers parts like shock absorbers and steering joints that rivals set limits on.

The new SX comes as standard with rear parking sensors, cruise control, all round electric windows, power folding door mirrors and a fiddly radio with Bluetooth connectivity.

Quiet

Out on the road you don't miss the lost horsepower of the dearer car, the SX having the same claimed acceleration time (0-62mph in 9.9 seconds) and (oddly) a higher top speed, at 116mph. The engine stays quiet at a swift cruise and returned 36mpg on a fairly undemanding test route. That compares to the 45.6mpg on the official test, which hardly any car approaches.

It would be daft to expect Audi-like fit and finish in the cockpit at Korando prices, but there's a smart, modern neatness to everything and easily read instruments and chunky switches.

It also rides the ruts of rural Britain with ease, trading a bit of body roll for comfort. I'll buy that balance any day.

Goodies on the new SX include rear parking sensors and cruise control

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Division two: Cynwyd A 6 (148), Black Lion 4 (127); Criftins B 3 (131), Flexsys A 7 (148); Llangynog A 9 (162), George 1 (90); Overton B 4 (129), Johnstown B 6 (153); Ye Olde Crofte A 5 (137), Weston Rhyn A 5 (144); Llanrhaeadr A 7 (148), Whittington B 3 (122).

Division three: Whittington E 7 (147), Chirk AAA B 3 (124); Johnstown D 6 (149), Flexsys B 4 (139); Ceiriog Valley B 2 (133), Johnstown C 8 (138); Plas Kynaston A 9 (165), Llanfyllin A 1 (113); Llangollen B 7 (148), Weston Rhyn C 3 (122); Royston A 8 (163), Whittington C 2 (106).

Division four: Weston Rhyn B 3 (133), Church C 7 (150); Llanrhaeadr B 2 (126), Criftins C 8 (156); Church D 9 (157), Ellesmere B 1 (131); Llangynog C 8 (139), Fox Lane 2 (106); Corwen B 8 (168), Llanrhaeadr C 2 (131); Llanymynech B 8 (162), Overton C 2 (99).

Division five: Royston B 6 (150), Ceiriog Valley C 4 (122); Llanrhaeadr D 3 (138), Chirk AAA C 7 (147); Whittington D 6 (123), Johnstown E 4 (120); Cynwyd B 6 (140), Plas Kynaston B 4 (127); Ellesmere A 10 (168), Weston Rhyn D 0 (80); Ruabon B 7 (149), Ye Olde Crofte B 3 (122).

Division six: Church E 2 (119), Bersham 8 (150); Llanfyllin B 7 (155), Llangynog B 3 (112); Overton D 3 (113), Llanymynech C 7 (121).

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Criftins A	20	12	7	296	124
Johnstown A	20	12	8	256	118
Ceiriog Valley A	20	12	7	215	117
Chirk AAA A	20	13	6	214	114
Ruabon A	20	13	6	165	113
Whittington A	20	10	10	135	104
Corwen A	20	11	9	137	102
Church A	20	10	10	-2	102
Overton A	20	8	12	33	95
Llanymynech A	20	7	13	-358	78
Llangollen A	20	6	14	-491	70
Church B	20	4	16	-600	62

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Weston Rhyn A	20	14	3	281	127
Flexsys A	20	13	5	434	125
Johnstown B	20	15	5	181	122
Llanrhaeadr A	20	12	8	207	111
George	20	10	10	94	99
Ye Olde Crofte A	20	10	9	2	98
Llangynog A	20	7	12	-35	97
Black Lion	20	8	12	-293	93
Whittington B	20	7	12	39	90
Cynwyd A	20	7	13	-191	83
Criftins B	20	7	13	-355	79
Overton B	20	6	14	-364	76

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Johnstown C	20	13	6	311	122
Whittington E	20	12	6	275	119
Johnstown D	20	12	6	211	116
Ceiriog Valley B	20	10	8	196	111
Chirk AAA B	20	11	9	139	109
Flexsys B	20	11	9	268	108
Royston A	20	10	8	162	107
Plas Kynaston A	20	10	8	216	106
Weston Rhyn C	20	8	11	80	99
Llanfyllin A	20	6	12	-306	81
Llangollen B	20	9	11	-526	80
Whittington C	20	1	19	-1026	39

DIVISION 4

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Church C	20	15	4	371	130
Criftins C	20	13	7	434	123
Ellesmere B	20	14	6	288	121
Llangynog C	20	13	7	421	116
Church D	20	9	10	33	111
Fox Lane	19	11	7	88	99
Llanymynech B	19	9	10	-16	96
Llanrhaeadr C	19	7	11	-241	84
Corwen B	20	7	13	-321	81
Weston Rhyn B	19	7	12	-326	78
Llanrhaeadr B	20	5	14	-295	72
Overton C	20	4	13	-436	69

DIVISION 5

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Ellesmere A	20	20	0	1197	172
Ceiriog Valley C	20	13	7	398	123
Cynwyd B	20	11	9	169	111
Chirk AAA C	20	11	8	50	109
Ye Olde Crofte B	20	9	10	-87	100
Royston B	20	10	8	30	99
Whittington D	20	8	11	-139	91
Ruabon B	20	8	9	-147	88
Weston Rhyn D	20	9	10	-220	88
Plas Kynaston B	20	6	13	-236	83
Johnstown E	20	6	14	-424	70
Llanrhaeadr D	20	4	16	-591	66

DIVISION 6

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Bersham	14	14	0	826	119
Overton D	15	8	5	104	88
Johnstown F	15	10	5	128	84
Llanymynech C	15	8	6	125	81
Llanfyllin B	15	8	7	-17	75
Church E	15	6	8	-168	61
Weston Rhyn E	14	4	10	-336	54
Llanrhaeadr E	14	3	10	-226	49
Llangynog B	15	2	12	-436	48

Division seven (veterans): Weston Rhyn A 3 (125), Chirk AAA 6 (168); Whittington A 2 (137), Llangynog 7 (179); Overton A 6 (163), Llanymynech 3 (115); Church Club A 7 (163), Royston 2 (135); Flexsys 9 (189), Weston Rhyn B 0 (82).

Division eight(veterans): Llanrhaeadr B 5 (155), Church Club B 4 (152); Ceiriog Valley 5 (152), Whittington B 4 (143); Y O Crofte 7 (178), Overton B 2 (91).

DIVISION 7 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Chirk AAA	15	13	2	443	92
Overton A	16	12	4	377	91
Royston	18	7	11	-3	82
Weston Rhyn A	16	9	7	142	80
Llanymynech	15	9	6	115	77
Weston Rhyn B	17	8	9	-213	68
Church Club A	17	6	11	-199	64
Flexsys	17	5	12	-214	63
Llangynog	14	7	7	11	59
Whittington A	15	4	11	-459	44

DIVISION 8 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Whittington B	16	13	3	528	99
Ceiriog Valley	15	12	3	498	93
Llanrhaeadr A	15	9	6	374	84
Llangollen	14	11	3	347	77
Y O Crofte	15	7	8	37	65
Cynwyd	14	6	8	-40	62
Church Club B	15	4	11	-287	52
Overton B	15	2	13	-729	36
Llanrhaeadr B	15	3	12	-728	35

Furrows Shropshire Premier Bowling League

	P	MW	GW	Agg	Pts
Newport	20	14	158	705	186
Meole Brace	20	14	149	519	177
Chester Road	20	13	144	446	170
Castlefields	20	14	134	308	162
S J Bayley	20	13	134	279	160
St Georges	18	12	122	308	146
Bowring	20	10	121	55	141
Ford	20	8	113	-211	129
Ifton	20	9	108	-222	126
Arch Wton	21	7	107	-348	121
Wrock Wood	20	7	101	-343	115
Wem USC	21	6	92	-669	102
Bylet	20	3	77	-827	83

Crunch match looms in battle to avoid relegation trap door

LLANYMYNECH A continue to sweat on relegation after slumping 9-1 at Ceiriog Valley A – and face a crunch home clash with Chirk A next Tuesday which will determine their fate in the Oswestry Bowls League division one.

After their shock 7-3 victory over title chasing Criftins A the previous week, third bottom Llany struggled at Ceiriog Valley, with Steve Kynaston (21-11) their only winner after they had lost the first six games. John Jones (21-7) was the best for the hosts who took the aggregate 158-105.

Llanymynech skipper Roger Candlin admitted he had been disappointed by the result but believes his side can still escape the drop.

"We could have done with two or three winners but Ceiriog Valley bowl their own green well," said Llany captain Candlin.

"We now need a good win against Chirk and hope that Johnstown (who are at home to Llangollen) can do us a favour, but we're still living in hope we can escape relegation."

Llanymynech go into the last night just one point above the relegation zone after basement rivals Llangollen A were 8-2 (156-118) winners against already relegated CHURCH B.

BOWLS by John Bridgwater

Victor

Pam Milner was the best winner for the Church visitors, prevailing 21-12 in the front four while Mervyn Weaver (21-18) was the other victor in the back four.

Leaders CRIFTINS A moved closer to the title with an 8-2 home success over Corwen A, Dave Edwards their best winner to two in a 58 shots triumph.

With second placed Johnstown A winning 7-3 at Overton A, it means the crown will be decided on the last day with Criftins requiring a maximum of eight points at basement side Church B to ensure they will be the top dogs

CHURCH A consolidated mid-table with a 6-4 (148-118) home success over Ruabon A, but had chances to have emerged more emphatic winners with one game being lost to 18 and two others to 17.

The hosts recovered from a poor start, losing three of the first four games, with Brian Canlett the only winner in the front four to 11.

But they rallied after that, with Dave Jones storming to a 21-3 win while Graham Mansfield and Travis Stokes both won to 10.

Church end their season at Corwen A next Tuesday, and will be looking for a good display to finish with.

LLANRHAEADR A look set for a fourth place finish despite losing 7-3 in their penultimate outing at Johnstown A who took the shots 151-128.

It was level pegging after the front four but the visitors faded after that on a green they don't normally fare that well on.

Ian Jones won to 13 and Emyr Roberts to 18 while the most pleasing performance of the night came from 13-year-old David France who won a tight match 21-18 in his first game for the A team.

Llanrhaeadr finish at home to George next week.

WHITTINGTON A went down 8-2 at Chirk A (152-107) their two winners being Mel Morris (21-14) and Julian Turner, who won to 12.

It was an improvement on recent seasons at Chirk which is not the happiest of hunting grounds for Aled Davies' side who end their campaign at home to Ceiriog Valley next week.

Whittington had been hoping to register a top five finish this campaign but that now looks beyond them after the defeat.

Strong home showing

THE Ellesmere 10K returned for the third year at the weekend, attracting more than 500 entries and seeing new course records set in both the men's and women's races.

Cannock & Stafford runner Tom Humphries raced home for the men in 29 minutes and 12 seconds followed by Maldwyn Harriers' Andrew Davies in 31:09 and Chris Rimmer from Telford AC in 32:21.

In the women's race, City of Stoke athlete Michelle Ross-Cope also smashed the course record as she crossed the line in 35:17, followed by Kim Fawke of Telford AC in 36:24.

Race organiser Paul Davies, of Oswestry Olympians, said the standard of this year's field had been particularly high.

He said: "We did take out a small section, a slight uphill, which made the course faster but the runners were of a higher standard this year. All the first seven finishers in the men's race were under 35 minutes and it is the first time the top three finishers have done the race so it's reputation is growing."

The first Olympian home was Paul Jones in ninth place overall. The first Olympian lady was was Jacqui Smith who finished 78th overall. Another good run for Ian Lowe who was 14th and Tim Gears and Dave Newton who both finished in the top 40.

Oswestry Olympians duo Paul Jones and Pete Butler.

Oswestry end the season in fine style

OSWESTRY Tennis Club celebrated good results all round as the season came to an end.

The Men's second team cemented their Shropshire Group 6N champion status in the final fixture of the season at home to Longden 4.

The first pair of Gary Edwards and Keith Grice have been in excellent form all season and in the first round rubbers convincingly defeated Longden's first pair 6-0, 6-1.

The second pair of team captain Jamie Chaplin and Matt Grice were equally as impressive, taking their opening rubber 6-1, 6-0

In the reverse rubbers, against Longden's second pair, Edwards and Keith Grice did not lose a single game, but most remarkably of all they have played in all eight fixtures this season without dropping a single set.

Chaplin and Matt Grice also took victory in their second rubber against Longden's first pair, winning 6-1, 6-3 to ensure the full eight points were secured.

The team took the league title with a total of 60 points, having dropped only four all season and winning 86 per cent of sets played.

Chaplin said that this has been a fantastic achievement for the club and showed the their dominance this season which was only possible due to the great team ethic and commitment of the squad.

Oswestry Ladies first team played away to High Ercall this week in a fixture that had been held over from July when it was postponed due to the bad weather.

Even though their standing in Group 1 was safe for next season they were hoping to improve their overall position with a good result.

The match got off to an impressive start with Oswestry's first pairing of Josie Macrae and Kat Oakley, who were both carrying injuries, overpowering High Ercall's first pairing and taking the rubber in straight sets 6-4, 6-3.

Oswestry's second pairing of Judy Lloyd and Heather Lawrence had a similar outcome against High Ercall's second pairing, taking control of the rubber and winning 6-4, 6-1.

In the reverse rubbers it was more of the same and Macrae and Oakley continued with their punishing ground strokes and volleys and won 6-4, 7-5.

Lloyd and Lawrence were equal to the task and after dropping the first set recovered well to take their rubber on a deciding set tie-break 4-6, 6-1, 1-0.

Oswestry ladies walked away with the full eight points and elevated their final placing in the group to fourth.

This was an outstanding end to a hard and draining season and captain Macrae paid tribute to her team, along with Speth Cumpston, who have progressed in each of the past four years through the groups to the top echelon of the league.

The Ladies second team had their promotion confirmed having finished in third position in Group 5N and it is hoped that next year will be a more stable one with regards to the squad.

The Men's first team retained their position in G4N finishing in a creditable fourth place.

The club is now looking forward to the start of the Autumn Mixed League next month.

Rhyn face a final night showdown for glory

WESTON RHYN kept their noses in front at the top of the Oswestry and District Bowls League division two – but still have it all to do in their last outing if they hope to step up to the top flight.

The penultimate action of the season saw leaders Rhyn go three points clear at the summit with an 8-2 home success over lowly Overton A, but they are still looking over their shoulders at their two nearest rivals.

Second-placed Flexys A won 7-3 at George to keep up the pressure just three points behind while Johnstown B, who were 7-3 victors against Llanrhaeadr A, are six points off the pace as the campaign heads for a thrilling finish.

And with Weston Rhyn having to travel to title rivals Flexys on the last night of the season next Tuesday, their fate lies in the balance if they hope to complete a triumphant campaign.

"We could have done with another winner against Overton as it's a tough game to finish at Flexsys,"said captain Brian Oakley, whose side were 154-129 aggregate winners.

Sue Taylor took the coppers with a 21-7 verdict and husband Derek Taylor won 21-13.

WHITTINGTON B dispelled any relegation fears with a closely-fought 6-4 (151-136) home victory over basement rivals CRIFTINS B who moved closer to the dreaded drop.

Eileen Sinker (21-18) and Jacqui Whitley (who turned her game around to win to 20) both prevailed in the front four while Brian Charles won to nine in the back four, and Ben Hampson to 11. Rob Hughes (21-12) was the best winner for Criftins.

GEORGE lost ground after suffering back-to-back defeats after being downed 7-3 at home to title chasing Flexsys A. Phil Laker, John Hughes and Lance Leonard their winners.

BLACK LION, lying eighth, were looking to move a few places higher in division two when they entertained mid-table rivals Llangynog last night (wed).

Ifton eye strong finish to end season on high

IFTON will be looking to get back to winning ways in the Shropshire County Bowls League when they visit basement boys Bylet on Friday night.

Steve Robinson's side have endured a frustrating second half to the season and hopes of a top half finish are fading fast after a home defeat to title contenders Meole Brace last time out.

But if they can record a victory over the league stragglers, they can still harbour hopes of a top six finish.

Last time out Ifton were handed a flying start when Leighton Roberts, Brian Hayes and Nicky Jones win the opening three matches to give the home side hope of a surprise win.

But Meole rallied and won eight of the last nine games, only losing out when Kerion Roberts edged a 21-20 victory in the middle.

Craig Griffiths came close to registering another victory but was narrowly beaten 21-20 by Andy Wigginton.

Ifton were beaten 241-185 on the aggregate as three single figure defeats cost them any chance of pinching back the aggregate points.

The victory keeps Meole Brace's title hopes alive as they bid to chase down Newport at the top of the table.

Following the trip to Bylet, Ifton have back to back home games against St Georges and Sir John Bayley before finishing away at Wrockwardine Wood.

And with none of Ifton's five remaining opponents in the top five places there is a real chance of Robinson's men picking up points to see them better last year's finishing position of eighth.

Ifton will be hopeful of having a full squad to choose from having had to contend with a number of unavailability issues during August.

Church C in pole position for promotion

CHURCH C have moved into pole position to earn promotion from Division Four of the Oswestry Bowls League after picking up an impressive 7-3 away win at WESTON RHYN B.

The result leaves Church seven points clear at the top of the table and with a nine point cushion to third place, they could clinch promotion this week.

Martin Jones took the sweep for Church with a 21-10 success as the visitors recovered from losing three of the first five games to seal all three of the last matches and take the aggregate 150-133.

For the hosts, Margaret White was the best winner claiming a 21-9 success over Martin Williams in the middle.

CRIFTINS C are in second place after they picked up eight points on the road at LLANRHAEADR B.

Neil Edwards led the way with a 21-5 win, as Criftins completed a 156-126 aggregate win.

For the home side, who remain in relegation trouble, Derek Saunders and Brian Jones were the only two winners.

CHURCH D did their C team a huge favour by defeating the other side in the title hunt, Ellesmere B.

Not only did Church get the win they also limited Ellesmere to just one point – courtesy of Brian Hotham's 21-10 win.

For the hosts, William Lewis was the leading contender with a 21-13 success in the final game as his side took the aggregate 157-131.

Elsewhere, LLANYMYNECH B secured an 8-2 home win over Overton C

Henry Pugh won 21-3 as Llanymynech completed a comfortable victory claiming the aggregate 162-199, thanks in no small part to four of their single figure winners.

FOX LANE were 8-2 losers away at Llangynog C, with Simon Hayman and Mike Haycocks the victors in defeat.

LLANRHAEADR C were defeated by the same score at Corwen B – Billy Peel and Emlyn Thomas the winners.

In Division Five, LLANRHAEADR D's relegation is all but confirmed after they picked up just three points in a home defeat by Chirk AAA C.

Keith Prio won 21-7 but Llanrhaeadr lost the aggregate 147-138 and are now 17 points from safety, with just 20 left to play for.

YE OLDE CROFTE B's slim chances of gatecrashing the promotion places are over after they lost 7-3 away at Ruabon B.

Tom Davies, winning by 21-11, was the leading away performer but Crofte lost the aggregate 149-122 to remain in mid-table.

They are joined there by WHITTINGTON D, who were 6-4 home winners over Johnstown E.

Nora Brunt and Margaret Davies enjoyed single figure wins for the hosts as they secured a narrow 123-120 aggregate win.

Rampant ELLESMERE B notched their 20th successive win and maintained their 100 per cent record in style with a 10-0 win over WESTON RHYN D.

Tony Johnson's 21-2 win was the pick of the bunch for Ellesmere while Rhyn's Kyle Lightwood reached 17.

LLANYMYNECH C still harbour faint hopes of promotion from division six after a 7-3 win on the road at Overton D.

Roy Pulford's 21-6 victory was the most impressive for the visitors, who are seven points off the top two with one game remaining.

Elsewhere, LLANFYLLIN B took a 7-3 win at home to Llangynog B, while CHURCH D suffered an 8-2 defeat at home to champions Bersham.

SPORT

FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Birmingham League

Division three: Bridgnorth v Lichfield, Oswestry v Coleshill.

Second XI, Division one: Shifnal v Wombourne, Water Orton v Oswestry, Wellington v Halesowen.

Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier division: Newport v Ludlow (M Moreton, G Picknell), Quatt v Albrighton (D Brearley, G Hurst), Reman Services v Bomere Heath (P Glover, G Smith), Wem v Shelton (A Kynaston, D Lunt), Worfield v St Georges (S Johnson, P Smith), Wroxeter v Much Wenlock (T Lucas, C Smith).

Division one: Alberbury v Cound, Allscott v Welshpool, Broseley v Forton, Knockin & Kinnerley v Market Drayton, Montgomery v Frankton, Newtown v Madeley.

Division two: Acton Reynald v Willey, Condover v Pontesbury, Corvedale v Iscoyd & Fenns Bank, Llanidloes v Ellesmere, Tibberton v Bishop's Castle, Wellington III v Lilleshall.

Division three: Beacon v Grove, Cae Glas v Shrewsbury III, Chelmarsh v Church Stretton, St Georges III v Shifnal III, Whittington v Wheaton Aston.

Division four: Guilsfield v Frankton III, Harcourt v Church Aston, Hinstock v Calverhall, Hodnet v Bridgnorth III, Newport III v Whitchurch III, Overton-on-Dee v Wem III.

Division five: Coton Hall v Hales, Harpers v Bomere Heath III, Ludlow III v Lilleshall III, Prees v Welshpool III.

Division six: Calverhall II v Oswestry IV, Grove II v Llanidloes II, Iscoyd & Fenns Bank II v Ellesmere II, Pontesbury III v Reman Services III, Quatt III v Allscott III, Whitchurch IV v Whittington II.

Reserve division one: Cound II v Reman Services II, Frankton II v Wem II, Lilleshall II v Wroxeter II, Ludlow II v Newport II, Madeley II v Quatt II, St Georges II v Worfield II.

Reserve division two: Albrighton II v Newtown II, Bomere Heath II v Alberbury II, Much Wenlock II v Wellington IV, Pontesbury II v Knockin & Kinnerley II, Shelton II v Montgomery II, Welshpool II v Allscott II.

Reserve division three: Beacon II v Cae Glas II, Bishop's Castle II v Tibberton II, Forton II v Broseley II, Market Drayton II v Condover II, Shifnal IV v Corvedale II, Willey II v Acton Reynald II.

Sunday

Shropshire County Cricket League

Division three: Oswestry III v Trysull & Seisdon.

Division four: Knockin & Kinnerley III v Quayside.

Division five: Alberbury III v Ludlow IV, Shifnal V v St Georges IV, Wellington V v Madeley III.

GOLF RETURNS

OSWESTRY

NPFA Shield Greensome Medal (32 pairs entered): T Thompson & B Pughe 74–10.4–63.6; J Driscoll & J Pritchard 84-18–66; J Poole & S Ashworth 74-7.8–66.2; G Maule & B Yapp 83-16.4–66.6; J M Jones & F Mottram 75–8.2–66.8; T G Hughes & D Wase 76–8.4–67.6.

Millennium Trophy (42 pairs): WPughe & G Ankers 71 (c/b); M Dunbar & P Mclean 71 (c/b); C Johnson & A Gray 71 (after play off).

Thursday Medal (23 entries) Standard Scratch 69: S Edwards 82-14=68; N Jones (833) 79-11=68 (c/b); R Roberts 79-11=68; J Poole 75-6=69; D Trow 83-13=70 (c/b); B Hollywell 79-9=70 (c/b). Best Gross: J Poole 75.

Texas Scramble (23 teams): J Thornell, G Thornell, J Taylor, E Gill 62.5; D Hall, K Jones, R Marks, K Evans 63.1; W Pughe, G Hatt, I Gittins, A Jones 64.3; A Davies, E Gwilt, P Murfin, S Graham-Wood 64.6; T Pearce, J Kelshaw, C Pearce, M Male 65.4.

WELSH BORDER

Ladies Medal and Championship Round 1 Division 1: J Line 92-26=66; L Morris 85-17=68; R Jones 92-23=69.

Division 2: L Griffiths 104-35=69; R Evans 110-36=74; M Wood 119-36=83.

WELSHPOOL

A P Squibb: G Hughes 43pts; D Evans 42pts; R Spragg 42pts; M Roberts 42pts.

Tony Crump Cup: D Rowlands (Captain) 68; A Cale 69; G Moss 70; K Stephens 71.

Ladies, 12-hole Competition: E Jones 23pts; L Aldridge 21pts; S Shemilt 19pts.

Edna Humphreys Trophy: E Jones 40pts; J Mitchell 35pts (c/b); A Newell 35pts (c/b).

Welshpool ladies enjoyed two wins in the MWGA League, defeating Builth Wells in the scratch league 2-1 and then winning 3-0 at home to Newtown in the handicap division.

Luke sharp enough for fastest time

THE final round of this year's Oswestry Paragon time trials series was also one of the wettest – but produced the fastest ride of the year.

Luke Grivell-Mellor, of Rapha Condor Sharp, crossed the line first in 21min04.

With heavy rain and poor light it was touch and go until the last minute as to whether the event would go ahead.

Only eight riders were brave enough to face the conditions and start the event.

In second place and fastest Paragon rider was Dean Hornsey, who at the start of the season set himself the challenge of getting under the 25-minute mark.

He achieved his goal with his last chance, coming home in a time of 24min52.

Third place went to Richard Jones, whose aim at the beginning of the year was to get under 30 minutes.

But he has consistently improved all season, finishing up with a time of 27min40 to round off his year in style.

Fourth place went to Peter Robinson, of North Shropshire Wheelers, in 28min24.

Adam Griffiths had to ride despite the weather conditions to see off the challenge of his brother Robbie in the junior points competion.

Adam came home in 31min20 and Robbie in 36min34.

Both Matt Griffiths and Sam Heyward suffered punctures and failed to finish.

Oswestry Paragon CC has one more competitive event this year, their annual hill climb.

The event uses the 1.6-mile climb up the Racecourse and also encompasses the SCCA Hill Climb Championship.

The event takes place on Saturday, September 8, with the first rider setting off at 2.30pm.

All riders are welcome, with signing on taking place in the car park of the White Lion in Oakhurst Road from 1.30pm

Results: 1 L Grivell-Mellor (Rapha Condor Sharp) 21.04; 2 D Hornsey (OPCC) 24.52; 3 R Jones (OPCC) 27.40; 4 P Robinson (NSW) 28.24; 5 A Griffiths (OPCC) 31.20; 6 R Griffiths (OPCC) 36.34.

Darts league seeks teams

ANYONE interested in entering a team in the Oswestry Darts League need to get in touch this week ahead of the new season.

Sides need to get in touch with the league secretary before Saturday, September 7, should they wish to join the thriving league.

To enter a team, or for more information on the league, contact the secretary on 07931 166558 before the closing date.

Oswestry one step closer to glory after Fynn's third ton

OSWESTRY'S cricketers go into the last three games of the season with a 23-point lead at the top of the Birmingham League Division Three after a rain-affected weekend.

On Saturday, Warrick Fynn led the way with his third century of the season as Oswestry earned a winning draw against Penkridge – the team that started the day in second place.

Fynn hit 105, including 12 fours and a six, as Oswestry rattled up 241-6 declared in 53.4 overs, and he received good support from skipper Mark Robinson (42), Clint Brockman (34 not out) and Alex Huxley (30).

Rain reduced the Penkridge innings to 25 overs, and they never looked like reaching their winning draw target of 148.

After a tight opening spell by Jonathan Miles, Ian Davies (3-23) and Fynn (3-29) picked up the bulk of the wickets as Penkridge struggled to 89-7. Oswestry took 17 points from the game to Penkridge's four.

Monday's game against Aston Manor was washed out after just 13.4 overs at Morda Road, with Oswestry on 40-3. Fynn was unbeaten on 20.

Oswestry Seconds' game against Shifnal Seconds at Morda Road on Saturday was reduced to 25 overs a side, and Oswestry came off second best.

Defiant

Shifnal blasted their way to 177-3, and Oswestry could muster just 96-6 in reply – despite a defiant unbeaten 43 by Steve Humphreys.

On Monday, Oswestry Seconds had reached 164-9 in their 50 overs at Stratford-upon-Avon when the game was abandoned.

Oswestry had slipped to 75-6 before skipper Owen Johnson (53) and Kevin Evans (50) took the score to a respectable level.

Oswestry Thirds and Fourths both had their games rained off at the weekend after making a start.

The Thirds had reached 110-6 against Shifnal Thirds, with James Bradbury hitting 32 and Ashley Roberts 21.

And the **Fourths** were 58-4 against Ludlow Fourths when the heavens opened, Keith Sadler having made 18.

■ Oswestry Firsts will be looking to keep up their title challenge against bottom-of-the-table Coleshill at Morda Road on Saturday (noon).

The Seconds visit Water Orton, and the Fourths are at Calverhall.

The Third XI take on Trysull and Seisdon at Morda Road on Sunday (1pm).

CRICKET
by John Bridgwater

Frankton find explosive form

FRANKTON chalked up a convincing 99-run win against Knockin at Hardwick Park in Division One.

Frankton were asked to bat first and lost opener Ian Whitticase to the first ball of the match but Jason Brookes (21) and Lloyd Phillips (27) helped steady the ship.

Explosive middle order hitting from skipper Jordan Parry (54 off 33 balls) pushed the run rate up as Ross Bladen (37) looked comfortable at the crease.

The score ended on 198-8 off 40 overs. Aaron Ruff-Cock (3-48) and Ben Wixey (2-35) were the pick of the bowling effort.

The Frankton opening bowling duo of Sam Phillips and Stu Lammie then ripped through the Knockin top order and the innings was in complete disarray at 38-6 off just 13 overs.

Phillips found movement with the new ball to claim 4-23 and Lammie generated good pace to take 2-3, including the key wicket of Steve Gray.

Ruff-Cock (40) and skipper Hugh Morris (18) showed good resistance but Northwood (2-22) and Parry (2-6) cleaned up the tail and sealed a 24-point return as the reply ended on 99 all out in just 27.4 overs.

Meanwhile, FRANKTON II were left disappointed as the poor weather scuppered the chance of victory at Worfield II in Reserve Division One.

Frankton batted first and scored an impressive total of 220-6 in their allocation of overs.

Skipper Mark Lammie and opener Dave Powell joint top-scored with excellent knocks of 55 while late impetus came from James Ellis' unbeaten 40.

Unfortunately, a large shower in the tea interval meant the players didn't get back onto the field as they had to settle for bonus and abandonment points. Worfield II took seven points and Frankton II eight.

FRANKTON III travelled to Whitchurch III but were greeted with an unplayable ground.

Cae Glas battle to draw

Not out – Grove's Iain Shakeshaft just making his ground with Cae Glas keeper Ben Hipkiss removing the bails. *Pictures: Richard Dawson*

Cae Glas' Kyle March comes into bowl during their match with the Grove on Saturday

LEADERS Grove bolstered their promotion push by pulling off a winning draw over CAE GLAS at the Unison Club.

A significant partnership between Iain Shakeshaft, unbeaten on 82, and Nic Dodgson, who struck 53, formed the backbone to Grove totalling 182-4 from their 35 overs.

The Shrewsbury side then ensured Cae Glas got no further than 146-7 in reply.

Ben Hipkiss hit 46 and Andy Griffiths 33 as Glas took a losing draw.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY III went down by eight wickets at Worfield III.

Opener David Smith struck 32 but received little support as Knockin were dismissed for a modest 67.

Tom Costin's unbeaten 44 helped Worfield cruise to 69-2 inside 14 overs.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II and Shelton II was cancelled and it was a similar story for ELLESMERE, whose home game with Corvedale was unable to get started.

Slow road to losing draw

CAE GLAS II finished with a losing draw in a low-scoring Reserve Division Three game at Gatacre with Forton II.

The heavens had opened an hour before the scheduled start time and a shortened game began after a one-hour delay on a slow, drenched pitch. A soggy outfield also made runs hard to come by.

Forton were asked to bat and were hugely indebted to opener Chris Hicks (31) and teenager John Murphy (58) who were the only batsmen to reach double figures as the visitors closed on 120 all out in the last of their 35 overs.

Skipper Barry Vaughan led the way for The Glas with his league best figures of 6-18, Dave Smith chipped in with two wickets and there was another miserly opening spell from the luckless John Clarke. Tim Smith took two catches in the outfield and George Candler had two dismissals behind the stumps.

In reply, Cae Glas were pegged back by the visiting attack from the off, reaching only 39-1 at the drinks break.

With wickets in hand, the home side tried to find the required acceleration, but were always slightly behind the run rate and finished on 105-4.

The evergreen Andy Kemp top-scored with 31 and there were also good knocks for George Candler (20) and Tim Smith (17 not out).

Cae Glas took nine points and Forton 10.

PLACINGS

Birmingham League

DIVISION 3

	P	W1	W2	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Oswestry	**19**	**7**	**0**	**19**	**19**	**276**
Aston Manor	19	5	4	8	17	253
Penkridge	19	4	3	14	34	251
Tamworth	19	2	5	14	28	243
Stourbridge	19	1	6	20	30	241
Bridgnorth	19	2	2	22	27	215
Streetly	19	1	2	28	31	174
Studley	19	2	2	17	31	165
Penn	19	2	2	10	22	162
Wednesbury	19	4	0	5	15	155
Lichfield	19	1	0	23	34	137
Coleshill	19	1	2	13	25	125

2ND XI

DIVISION 1

	P	W1	W2	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Barnt Green	19	2	4	23	15	239
Halesowen	19	4	3	16	21	238
Wombourne	19	3	4	11	20	232
Himley	19	2	5	7	22	232
Attock	19	4	2	22	17	202
Wellington	19	2	4	10	20	188
Shifnal	19	1	1	21	35	174
West Brom Dartmth	19	1	1	20	29	169
Tamworth	19	2	3	11	21	168
Water Orton	19	2	2	13	26	160
Stratford-up-Avon	19	2	0	11	31	144
Oswestry	**19**	**0**	**1**	**16**	**17**	**105**

Shropshire County Cricket League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Quatt	19	9	1	2	7	259
Wem	19	7	4	4	4	245
St Georges	19	7	1	3	8	221
Newport	19	8	1	3	7	218
Wroxeter & Upp	19	7	1	6	5	202
Albrighton	19	6	2	6	5	201
Bomere Heath	19	5	0	5	9	188
Reman Services	19	3	6	3	7	183
Ludlow & SS	19	4	4	6	5	177
Worfield	19	3	2	10	4	138
Shelton	19	2	3	9	5	126
Much Wenlock	19	2	1	6	10	112

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Allscott	19	11	2	2	4	295
Cound	19	8	3	4	4	246
Frankton	19	7	3	4	5	231
Madeley	19	6	1	4	8	220
Welshpool	19	6	3	4	6	208
Newtown	19	5	3	5	6	198
Broseley	19	5	2	3	9	197
Forton	19	4	1	7	7	177
Alberbury	19	4	3	5	7	175
Montgomery	19	4	3	8	4	149
Market Drayton	19	4	3	9	3	142
Knockin & Kinn	19	2	1	11	5	120

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Condover	19	10	3	1	5	304
Lilleshall	18	10	1	2	5	284
Pontesbury	18	8	2	4	4	256
Wellington III	19	8	1	4	6	235
Corvedale	19	8	0	5	6	230
Bishop's Castle	19	5	5	3	6	196
Ellesmere	19	5	0	5	9	192
Tibberton	19	5	2	10	2	172
Iscoyd & FB	19	2	5	4	8	146
Llanidloes	19	4	0	8	7	131
Willey	19	1	4	8	6	113
Acton Reynald	19	0	1	12	6	74

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Grove	19	10	5	3	1	307
Beacon	19	9	1	3	6	266
Whittington	19	5	5	4	4	252
Wheaton Aston	19	6	3	4	6	219
St Georges III	19	2	6	3	7	200
Oswestry III	19	5	2	5	7	199
Cae Glas	19	3	6	2	7	190
Shrewsbury III	19	4	4	4	7	186
Shifnal III	18	4	2	6	6	169
Chelmarsh	18	4	1	3	8	138
Church Stretton	19	2	4	6	6	117
Trysull & Seisdon	19	2	1	13	3	82

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Calverhall	19	9	2	0	8	282
Harcourt	19	5	6	1	6	244
Wem III	19	6	4	3	6	237
Overton-on-Dee	19	7	3	5	4	212
Church Aston	19	5	4	3	7	212
Newport III	19	3	5	4	7	181
Guilsfield	19	5	0	3	11	180
Whitchurch III	19	2	5	6	6	165
Hinstock	19	2	4	6	6	138
Hodnet & Peplow	19	1	6	5	7	135
Bridgnorth III	19	2	3	5	8	130
Frankton III	19	1	6	7	4	121

DIVISION 5

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Prees	18	10	3	0	5	273
Ludlow & SS III	17	9	1	5	2	249
Bomere Heath III	17	7	3	5	5	214
Hales III	17	6	2	5	4	196
Worfield III	18	6	2	6	4	179
Harpers	17	4	1	7	4	174
Quayside	17	5	2	3	7	159
Knockin & Kinn III	17	3	4	7	3	154
Lilleshall III	17	4	3	5	4	151
Coton Hall	18	1	1	10	5	113
Welshpool III	17	1	2	5	7	87

DIVISION 6

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Wellington V	19	8	3	1	6	287
Oswestry IV	19	6	3	2	6	268
Madeley III	19	6	5	4	4	253
St Georges IV	19	7	2	3	7	230
Iscoyd & FB II	19	7	4	3	5	230
Ludlow & SS IV	19	4	5	3	6	220
Ellesmere II	19	6	2	1	7	219
Grove II	19	7	0	6	4	214
Shifnal V	19	3	5	2	7	192
Reman Services III	19	4	6	4	4	178
Alberbury III	19	3	2	6	7	174
Pontesbury III	19	3	5	6	4	167
Allscott III	19	2	5	4	6	144
Whittington II	19	2	4	6	4	143
Calverhall II	19	3	1	4	7	135
Llanidloes II	19	0	1	5	7	110
Quatt III	19	1	7	3	6	95
Whitchurch IV	19	0	2	9	5	57

RESERVE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Newport II	19	11	1	1	6	296
Wem II	19	8	4	3	4	266
Quatt II	19	7	1	5	6	205
Ludlow & SS II	19	6	2	5	6	204
St Georges II	19	6	3	7	3	197
Wroxeter & Upp II	19	5	3	4	7	189
Worfield II	19	5	2	7	5	185
Cound II	19	5	2	6	6	180
Lillesshall II	18	4	3	4	7	147
Reman Services II	19	4	4	6	5	144
Madeley II	19	1	1	5	12	101
Frankton II	18	1	2	10	5	87

RESERVE DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Wellington IV	18	10	0	4	4	263
Welshpool II	18	9	1	2	6	255
Alberbury II	17	8	2	2	5	232
Albrighton II	18	6	1	6	5	205
Montgomery II	19	6	1	5	7	195
Pontesbury II	19	7	0	7	5	192
Allscott II	19	3	4	7	5	174
Bomere Heath II	19	4	0	4	11	153
Knockin & Kinn II	17	3	1	6	7	139
Shelton II	18	2	2	6	8	132
Newtown II	16	2	1	6	7	113
Much Wenlock II	18	1	1	6	10	94

RESERVE DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts
Condover II	19	9	4	1	4	296
Willey II	19	8	3	3	5	242
Forton II	19	5	4	3	6	232
Market Drayton II	19	8	1	5	5	228
Beacon II	18	5	4	3	6	208
Cae Glas II	19	4	4	3	7	198
Tibberton II	19	5	3	4	3	180
Bishop's Castle II	19	3	2	7	6	179
Shifnal IV	19	1	3	4	9	161
Corvedale II	19	2	1	9	7	130
Acton Reynald II	19	3	4	5	5	122
Broseley II	18	1	1	7	7	80

SPORT

Rogers delivers an early warning

MORDA UNITED maintained their perfect start to life in the Mercian Premier League – and boss Craig Rogers has warned there is still more to come.

Rogers' side defeated Weston Rhyn 2-1 last Wednesday and followed that up with a 5-1 victory over Ketley Bank United on Saturday to make it three wins from three.

Despite that record Morda are not top of the table with Hodnet a point ahead having played a game more.

But Rogers, whose side are without a game this weekend, is understandably delighted with the start to the season.

He said: "We wanted to come through August unscathed and to come through with three wins from three is fantastic.

"At the moment we are suffering for not having a good pre-season.

"We are starting games slowly as players get used to matches so hopefully we will improve.

"We have had a number of players out and we just have to make sure we keep doing what we're doing and win as a team."

Striker Dan Graham netted a hat-trick with Tom Coulson and Dean Graham on target in Saturday's success.

"They matched us for the first half hour," said Rogers.

"But after we went 1-0 up there was only ever going to be one winner."

Meanwhile, Weston Rhyn bounced back from their midweek defeat to Morda by registering their first victory of the season courtesy of a 2-1 weekend win over Whitchurch Alport.

Rhyn are without a fixture this weekend.

Boys club in plan to grow after a win

OSWESTRY BOYS CLUB will look to build on their first win of the season when they tackle Morda United Reserves in a Mercian League Division One derby on Saturday.

Boys Club were 4-0 winners over Shawbury United Reserves last time out with Kyle Wilson, Alex Clarke, Gwyn Davies and George Turner with the goals.

Morda were without a game last weekend.

Elsewhere, Oswestry Lions, who suffered their first defeat of the season at Brown Clee last weekend, will be looking to bounce back immediatelt when they visit Ketley Town.

Lions lost their 100 per cent start to the season in South Shropshire as they suffered a 3-1 reverse.

Martins aim to hit back

ST MARTINS face early West Midland division one league leaders Wyrley on Saturday desperate to put their 10-1 mauling at Penncroft last time out to the back of their minds.

Carl Bailey was on target for Saints but by the time he struck they were already five down.

And their misery was compounded when Tom Mackerel saw red for dissent just moments later.

Saints reverse result to set the early Premier pace

Afan Lido 1 TNS 3

HEAD coach Carl Darlington hailed a "good day at the office" as The New Saints made it two wins out of two to set the early pace in the Welsh Premier with a 3-1 win over Afan Lido at the Marston Stadium.

Having lost the corresponding game last season, the defending champions were again given a jolt as Luke Borrelli headed Lido into a 27th minute lead with his second goal of the season.

But the Saints were in no mood to slip up this time and, after being foiled by two excellent saves from home keeper Chris Curtis, were back on terms at the interval through a fine 39th minute free-kick from midfielder Ryan Fraughan.

Defender Steve Evans then headed the Oswestry visitors in front on the hour mark before last season's top scorer Greg Draper sealed the points in the last minute.

"It was the same score as last season but this time we were on the right end of it," said Darlington.

"We knew going down there it was going to be tough, the grass on the pitch was long, and these are the games you really have to motivate yourself for.

"We started off really well and created four or five good chances and, although Lido went ahead, we continued to have a lot of chances and fully deserved the win.

"We must have created 15-20 chances in the game, it was a really good performance, and it was a good day at the office."

Victory avenged last season's defeat, and ensures TNS are already setting the early pace in their defence of the league crown.

"We're now top of the league, and are five points better off than they time last season. It's the perfect start for us," added Darlington after last season's runners-up Bangor City suffered a last-gasp 3-2 loss at Newtown.

The Saints had to make a late change at Lido with defender Phil Baker suffering a calf strain in the pre-match warm up, but Kiah Edwards slotted in well in the heart of the defence.

There was a slight alarm when Borelli headed in a free-kick, but the visitors ensured no slip-ups as they kept up a lively pace throughout.

Fraughan's superb free-kick levelled matters at the interval, while the Saints had enough chances to have been well clear even by then.

Defender Evans then put the visitors in front when he met Fraughan's corner with a diving header and Draper finally got his reward in the last minute after Chris Seargeant's cross had been chested down by substitute Alex Darlington.

Littler an instant hit after he fires Guils to first league win

NEW signing Tom Littler made his mark with a late winner as Guilsfield notched their first victory of the Cymru Alliance season with a hard-fought 2-1 verdict over Conwy Borough.

The former Airbus striker came off the bench and proved an instant hit when firing home from close range nine minutes from time, before Conwy were reduced to 10 men in a heated finish that saw the dugout damaged.

Earlier, Nathan Leonard had given the Guils a 13th minute lead when cutting in from the left before sending a superb strike into the top corner, but the visitors were back on terms through Mark Jones' shot from the edge of the box on the half-hour.

It was a gutsy showing from a depleted Guilsfield who had a number of players away, while boss Russell Cadwallader also missed the game.

Assistant boss Danny Barton, who took charge for the day, was delighted with the performance with so many players out against a Conwy side managed by ex-Welshpool boss Chris Herbert.

"The big thing last Saturday was the togetherness of the players and considering we had four players out it was a really good win," he said. "With 15 minutes to go we decided to put Tom on. We were told he had a knack of being in the right place at the right time, and he did the trick.

Competition

"With a few new faces in the side, we're trying to create a bit more competition for places which is important."

Conwy had plenty of possession but lacked a real cutting edge while the hosts, buoyed by their 1-1 draw with Buckley Town a few days earlier, proved a determined force, particularly in midfield.

Another newcomer, Sean McCartney (also ex-Airbus) also impressed in defence, while Littler proved his worth when converting after Barton had flicked on for Ian Probert who rounded the defence before sparking a scramble.

With four points from three games, the Guils now head to Llandudno on Saturday looking for some joy on their travels. Will Thomas, James Henderson, Rob Cookson and Ben White, all unavailable last week, are back in the frame, but John Harris is missing and Mark Davies is still a doubt with a rib injury.

FOOTBALL
by John Bridgwater

Hope in defeat for boss Dan

LLANRHAEADR boss Dan Stevens felt there were plenty of positives despite seeing his side lose 3-1 at Porthmadog in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Trailing after just a minute when Ryan Davies glanced in an inswinging corner, the visitors were soon back on terms through Alun Jones 10 minutes later, only to go behind again as Darren Thomas converted a penalty after newcomer Tim Hardie handled.

It was nip and tuck with Llanrhaeadr dangerous on the break. Tom Evans, new signing Kady Seabrook (ex-Rhyl) and Sam Jones all went close, before Graham Boylan sealed the Port win in the last minute.

"No-one gave us much of a chance before the game, but to go there and stay in the game for the whole 90 minutes is a big positive," said Stevens.

"We've got a lot of young lads who would have learned a lot from the game.

"The average age of the team is 21, but they did well against a side containing several former Welsh Premier players.

"We defended well and looked dangerous on the break, and had three or four chances. It was only when we were pushing up that Porthmadog made the game safe."

Llanrhaeadr were playing into a stiff wind in the first half, but were unfortunate to see the conditions relent when they turned round for the second half.

After two defeats on their travels, the villagers know they need to cash in on home soil against Holyhead on Saturday, but will be without Rob Fox while forward Chris Stevens is still waiting on international clearance.

Luck of the draws for Rangers

Ellesmere's Tom Ward escapes the attention of two Tividale opponents. *Pic: Rose Pearce*

Search for win goes on

ELLESMERE were denied their first victory of the season by a late equaliser in their Bank Holiday Monday draw with Tividale.

Ellesmere started the season with five straight defeats but recorded a 2-2 draw at Highgate on Saturday and looked set to build on that with a first win, as they led Tividale 2-1 in the final minute.

But an equaliser in the final 20 seconds of the match proved a source of major frustration for the hosts.

Joint Ellesmere boss Richard Brown said: "Even the Tividale management said we deserved to win.

"It's disappointing to concede so late but we have to take the positives.

"We have stopped the losing streak and it's two points from the last two games."

Tividale took an early lead before goals either side of half-time from Harry Ioannou and Steve O'Reilly – who along with his brother James signed from Shawbury on Friday – put Ellesmere in front.

Both sides had chances late on with Ellesmere goalkeeper David Maguire making two fine saves and Tom Ward and Steve O'Reilly going close for the hosts.

But Tividale weren't to be denied and earned a share of the spoils by scoring with a late header.

Meanwhile, a Jamie Price brace earned Ellesmere Rangers their first point of the campaign with a 2-2 draw away at Highgate United on Saturday.

Price had put Rangers into the lead after 15 minutes when he finished a superbly-timed run with a neat 15-yard finish past United goalkeeper Shaun Edwards.

The visitors then spurned several chances to increase their lead before Dan Pitt leveled for United eight minutes into the second-half, following a 30-yard solo run.

Pitt grabbed his second eight minutes later from close range but Ioannou's through-ball pass allowed Price to level from the tightest of angles late on.

Despite the point, managers Brown and Richard Gardner were left with the feeling they should have recorded their first league win of the season.

Daffs storm to lightning win

AFTER winning their first two outings, Waterloo Rovers came unstuck in the Spar Mid Wales League division one as they crashed 7-0 at early title favourites Llanidloes Town.

A deluge made the going tough, with thunder and lightning in the air, but it was the Daffs who turned in a storming performance in the saturated conditions.

Jamie Breese and Matthew Savage both fired hat-tricks, Karl Seliearts getting the other, as Llani recorded their third straight win, having now netted 15 goals in the process.

Waterloo had gone into the game in good shape after two fine strikes from Richie Lichfield, his second five minutes from time, earned a 3-2 success at Carno earlier in the week.

Newly promoted **FOUR CROSSES** continued their fine start with a thumping 5-1 win against Dolgellau, their third straight win that sees them share top spot with Llanidloes.

"It's been a great start," said boss Nick Popyk after Jack Harris bagged a hat-trick, including a last-minute penalty, to take his tally to seven in three games.

Four Crosses had taken the lead through an own goal after a Paul Hughes free-kick was headed into his own net by a defender, while Gareth Jones also found the net.

DYFFRYN BANW'S dismal start continued as they crashed 5-0 at home to Newbridge, their third straight defeat leaving them at the foot of the table, while **BERRIEW** and **MONTGOMERY** were locked in a goalless draw.

Carno are also seeking their first points after going down 2-0 to Aberaeron, who have made a creditable start to life in division one.

Llanidloes are already looking the team to beat, having earlier in the week recorded a 4-1 home success against Builth Wells with last season's top scorer Breese, Seliearts, Tom Goodwin and Gareth Mansell, with a penalty, the marksmen.

New boys Four Crosses saw off Welshpool 2-0, Berriew opened the season with a 2-0 success at Dyffryn Banw and Bow Street were held to a goalless deadlock with Aberaeron.

Montgomery, last season's runners-up, drew 1-1 with Llansantffraid Village while Tywyn Bryncrug won 4-1 at Dolgellau with two goals apiece from Ben Holt and Mark Edmonson.

Llanfair turn on style as stand is unveiled

LLANFAIR UNITED officially opened their new stand in front of a 260-plus crowd – and marked the occasion with a 4-1 victory over Abermule to maintain their winning start to Spar Mid Wales League division two.

The stand has been named after Ivor Owen who has put in over 60 years of service at the club.

The spectators – including a band of 'ground hoppers' – saw Llanfair's new signing Chris Gethin score two of the goals while Geraint Jones also bagged a brace, with Dave Anthony pulling one back.

Elsewhere, Llanfyllin made a poor start to their campaign as they crashed 4-0 at Llandrindod Wells in their first outing.

The goals flowed as Presteigne finished 5-5 against visiting Rhosgoch, who salvaged a point with a last-minute goal. Christian Roberts netted a brace for the home side with Adriano Girolami, Danny Evans and Russell Jones the other marksmen.

PLACINGS

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Carmarthen Town	2	2	0	4	1	6
The New Saints	2	2	0	4	1	6
Prestatyn Town	2	1	0	6	4	4
Newtown AFC	2	1	0	7	6	4
Llanelli AFC	2	1	0	4	3	4
Gap Connah's Qy	2	1	1	3	2	3
Bangor City	2	1	1	4	4	3
Bala Town	2	0	0	5	5	2
Aberystwyth Town	2	0	1	1	3	1
Airbus UK Broughtn	2	0	2	1	3	0
Port Talbot Town	2	0	2	1	4	0
Afan Lido	2	0	2	3	7	0

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Rhyl	3	3	0	10	1	9
Cefn Druids	3	2	0	8	2	7
Flint Town United	3	2	0	8	3	7
Penrhyncoch	3	2	0	8	4	7
Ruthin Town	3	2	1	11	7	6
Penycae	3	2	1	10	6	6
Conwy Borough	3	2	1	5	4	6
Porthmadog	3	1	1	6	5	4
Guilsfield	3	1	1	3	7	4
Holyhead Hotspur	3	1	2	5	6	3
Rhayader Town	3	1	2	3	5	3
Caersws	3	1	2	2	5	3
Buckley Town	3	0	2	1	4	1
Llandudno	3	0	2	3	8	1
Llanrhaeadr	3	0	2	3	8	1
Rhydymwyn	3	0	3	4	15	0

Midland Alliance

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Boldmere St Mchls	7	5	1	15	9	16
Rocester	6	4	1	17	7	13
Stratford Tn	5	4	0	14	5	13
Dunkirk	6	4	1	16	9	13
Bridgnorth Tn	5	3	0	9	4	11
Stourport Swifts	5	3	0	8	4	11
Tipton Tn	6	3	2	13	7	10
Gornal Athletic	5	3	1	15	10	10
Heather St John's	7	3	3	12	13	10
Tividale	6	2	1	14	7	9
Loughborough Uni	5	3	2	10	7	9
Continental Star	4	2	1	9	6	7
Westfields	4	2	2	10	12	6
Kirby Muxloe	5	2	3	7	12	6
Studley	6	1	3	4	11	5
Highgate Utd	6	1	3	8	17	5
Coleshill Tn	6	1	4	9	12	4
Causeway Utd	6	1	4	4	7	4
Alvechurch	6	1	4	8	14	4
Coventry Sphinx	6	1	4	4	13	4
Ellesmere Rngrs	7	0	5	9	18	2
Heath Hayes	5	0	4	6	17	1

West Midlands League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Wyrley	5	4	0	1	8	12
Mahal	4	3	1	0	8	10
Bilston Tn (2007)	4	3	1	0	4	10
Wem Tn	4	3	0	1	5	9
Bridgnorth Tn Res	4	2	0	2	8	6
AFC Smethwick	3	2	0	1	8	6
Haughmond	3	2	0	1	6	6
Hanwood Utd	3	2	0	1	3	6
AFC Wombourne	3	2	0	1	2	6
Trysull	4	1	2	1	1	5
Penncroft	3	1	1	1	6	4
St Martins	3	1	1	1	-7	4
Shenstone Pfndrs	3	0	2	1	-2	2
Stone Old Alleyn	2	0	1	1	-3	1
Leominster Tn	4	0	1	3	-11	1
Warstone Wndrs	3	0	0	3	-10	0
Blackheath Tn	3	0	0	3	-11	0
W'Ton Utd	4	0	0	4	-15	0

Mercian League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
FC Hodnet	4	3	1	0	7	10
Morda Utd	3	3	0	0	7	9
Oakengates Ath	3	2	1	0	5	7
Telford Jnrs	3	2	1	0	2	7
AFC Ludlow	3	2	0	1	13	6
Allscott	3	2	0	1	5	6
Church Stretton	4	2	0	2	-2	6
Weston Rhyn	3	1	1	1	0	4
Shifnal Utd 97	4	1	0	3	-4	3
Wellington Arms Rs	3	1	0	2	-5	3
Whitchurch Alp	2	0	0	2	-3	0
Dawley Tn	2	0	0	2	-6	0
Ellesmere Rngrs Rs	1	0	0	1	-9	0
Ketley Bank Utd	4	0	0	4	-10	0

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Madeley Sports	4	4	0	0	23	12
Prees	3	3	0	0	8	9
Oswestry Lions	4	3	0	1	3	9
Ketley Tn	3	2	0	1	8	6
Brown Clee	4	2	0	2	3	6
Rock Rovers	3	1	1	1	5	4
Clee Hill Utd	2	1	1	0	1	4
Bishop's Castle	2	1	0	1	-1	3
Oswestry BG Club	3	1	0	2	-2	3
Morda Utd Res	2	1	0	1	-3	3
Shawbury Utd Res	4	1	0	3	-8	3
Wroxeter Rvrs	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Hopesgate Utd	2	0	0	2	-8	0
Wrock Wood Jnrs	2	0	0	2	-13	0
Meole Brace	3	0	0	3	-15	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Childs Ercall	3	3	0	0	22	9
AFC Wellington	3	3	0	0	13	9
Oakengates Rngrs	4	3	0	1	11	9
Athletico Broseley	3	3	0	0	9	9
Market Drayton Tgr	3	3	0	0	5	9
Edgmond Rangers	3	2	0	1	13	6
Randlay 2012	3	2	0	1	5	6
Highley Miners	3	2	0	1	0	6
Donnington S&S	3	1	0	2	3	3
Wrockwardine Wd	2	1	0	1	2	3
Claverley	4	1	0	3	-3	3
Impact Utd	4	1	0	3	-5	3
Albrighton Jnrs	1	0	0	1	-6	0
Madeley Sports Rs	3	0	0	3	-13	0
Denso	4	0	0	4	-26	0
Spalaig Britannia	4	0	0	4	-30	0

Spar Mid Wales League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Llanidloes	3	3	0	15	2	9
Four Crosses	3	3	0	11	1	9
Aberaeron	3	2	0	8	0	7
Waterloo	3	2	1	9	10	6
Bow Street	2	1	0	4	0	4
Tywyn/Bryncrug	1	1	0	4	1	3
Newbridge	2	1	1	6	4	3
Berriew	1	1	0	2	0	3
Builth Wells	2	1	1	5	7	3
Montgomery	1	0	0	1	1	1
Llansantffraid	2	0	1	4	5	1
Carno	3	0	3	2	9	0
Welshpool	2	0	2	0	6	0
Dyffryn Banw	3	0	3	0	13	0
Dolgellau	3	0	3	3	15	0
Aber Uni	0	0	0	0	0	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Llanfair Utd	2	2	0	6	1	6
Hay St Marys	1	1	0	6	2	3
Llandrindod Wells	1	1	0	4	0	3
Aberdyfi	1	0	0	2	2	1
Talgarth	1	0	0	2	2	1
Rhosgoch	1	0	1	0	2	0
Llanfyllin	1	0	1	0	4	0
Abermule	2	0	2	3	10	0
Machynlleth	0	0	0	0	0	0
Knighton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Presteigne	0	0	0	0	0	0

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OSWESTRY CLOSING IN ON PROMOTION

OSWESTRY club captain Mike Robinson is refusing to 'count his chickens' ahead of this weekend's home clash with basement boys Coleshill in the Birmingham Cricket League division three.

Robinson's men stand on the brink of promotion, holding a 23-point lead with just three games remaining.

by Alex James

But Coleshill sprang a surprise last week in defeating one of Oswestry's promotion rivals Tamworth, who the leaders face on the final day of the season.

"That Coleshill result shows that anything can happen in this league," said Robinson. "No-one would have seen that coming. They skittled them out for 42 as well so we know that they are a dangerous side.

"We lost a similarly crucial game at home to them last season so we won't be counting our chickens."

Robinson is acutely aware how close his side are to stepping up to division two following a welcome weekend haul of points over the Bank Holiday double header.

And with Saturday's clash followed by a trip to struggling Wednesbury, promotion, on paper at least, seems almost a certainty.

But Robinson, and the club as a whole, don't subscribe to that theroy.

He said: "Two wins out of three would probably do it but you never know.

"It would be nice to go into that last game of the season with nothing to play for, but that might be too much to ask."

Oswestry will be without opening batsman Joe Carrasco for the remainder of the season owing to school commitments while Pete Holloway drops down to the seconds. In come Paul Phillips and James Neill.

On Monday, Oswestry managed just 13.4 overs of play in their top-of-the-table home clash with Aston Manor.

The Morda Road men had reached 40-3 before the rain had the final say after delaying the start until 3pm.

Saturday did see more play. Oswestry took the bulk of the points, 17 as opposed to Penkridge's four, but were denied a win as the rain reduced the hosts' innings to 25 overs.

Warrick Fynn hit 105, his third century of the season, and Mark Robinson scored 42 as Oswestry smashed their way to 241-6.

Faced with a target of 148 from 25 overs to earn a winning draw, Penkridge stumbled to 89-7 at the close with Ian Davies taking 3-23 and Fynn bagging 3-29 for the visitors.

Robinson said: "If it hadn't been for the rain we would have fancied our chances of winning, but we only had 25 overs to bowl at them so our chances of bowling them out were remote."

Friendly run-out benefits fringe

WELSHPOOL, who open their Welsh League division three (north) campaign at home to Bangor on Saturday, could take heart from their pre-season despite suffering some friendly defeats in the past week, ***writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.***

First up, they went down 25-7 against Shrewsbury and a few days later a team containing several fringe players were edged out 14-7 at Bishop's Castle in their final friendly.

In an entertaining and hard-fought encounter against Shrewsbury, Welshpool trailed 10-0 from two unconverted tries.

But they but hit back when a slick set-piece move saw centre Dave Jones go over for a try, converted by Daley Jones.

The score stayed at 10-7 going into half-time, and the game seemed like it could go either way, with both teams capable of the victory.

However, it was Shrewsbury who took the game by the scruff of the neck.

They scored three unanswered tries in a 20-minute spell to effectively seal the victory.

Dropped

Despite some good attacking play by Welshpool in the final 20 minutes, they were unable to capitalise with several dropped balls at crucial moments proving costly.

But, despite the defeat, there will be much for coach Dave Roberts to be pleased with in the performance, as well as some areas that he will no doubt be looking to improve upon before the start of the competitive season.

Against Castle, Welshpool's fringe players were given a chance to impress in an entertaining run-out despite the heavy rain, with Castle taking a 14-0 lead in the first half with two converted tries.

After the break, Pool reduced the arrears as full-back Tom Williams broke the Castle line, before off-loading to No8 Jack Brady, who slipped a final pass to centre Rhys Williams to score under the posts, with Daley Jones converting.

Despite trying to increase the tempo of the game in the final 20 minutes, handling mistakes hampered numerous Welshpool attacks.

That meant they couldn't find the converted try needed to bring the game level as Castle were able to eke out a hard-earned 14-7 victory.

Breeze stands down

NEIL BREEZE has stepped down as No.2 at Welshpool Town, with Dave Williams taking on the assistant's role.

Manager Dave Jones confirmed the management change this week, with Breeze relinquishing his role due to family commitments. After three defeats, Pool look for their first points when they host Tywyn Bryncrug on Saturday, although their plans are disrupted by a number of injuries.

Luke Francis (shoulder), Jon Gamble, Dan Bowen (ankle), Dave Williams (cracked ribs) and Gareth Watkins (knee) are are struggling for the new-look Maesydre men.

Pool went down 5-3 to Llansantffraid Village last Monday.

They were a goal down inside six seconds and 2-0 behind after 90 seconds, before clawing back to 3-3 and then trailing 4-3 at half-time. James Langford, Ian Jones and George Mitten got the goals.

Star golf duo take home the trophies

Joe Davies, left, who won the Wee Wonders Powys Championship ahead of his friend Tomi Bowen in second

Golfer Frankie Jones,14, from Llanfair Caereinion who won the Junior Disabled British Open. *Pictures: Simon Williams*

Jones upsets the odds to win

WELSHPOOL golfer Frankie Jones has successfully defended his British Junior Disabled Open title despite undergoing surgery in February for a serious leg injury.

The 14-year-old from Llanfair Caereinion regained the title with stableford scores of 45 and 43 last weekend to win by seven points.

Jones broke his knee in November playing football and the injury required reconstructive surgery but he fought his way back to fitness to win the two day event at the East Sussex National course.

And, to complete a memorable week for the Welshpool club, nine-year-old juniors Joe Davies from Welshpool and Tommy Bowen from Llanfair Caereinion finished first and second in the Powys Wee Wonders Championships.

Joe, the son of Glyn and Diane Davies and a pupil at Berriew Primary School, edged out his pal Bowen on the seventh green of a 36 shot competition to take the honours at Builth Wells.

Ellen Jones, Frankie's mother and one of the organisers of the Mid Wales Junior Golf Tour, said Welshpool Golf Club members had been taking part in the junior league competitions which had given them a competitive edge.

She said: "We are really proud of Frankie, particularly as he has only just regained his fitness following the operation.

"Taking part in regular competitive golf has really paid off for the young members at Welshpool."

A fund raising golf day takes place for the junior set-up on Friday September 14. The event for teams of four at £100 takes place at Llanymynech. Contact Ellen Jones on 07794-220 023.

TNS head into clash looking to keep it up

THE NEW SAINTS head coach Carl Darlington is looking for TNS to maintain their early intent after back-to-back wins in tomorrow night's Welsh Premier clash with Prestatyn at Park Hall.

The defending champions are already sitting pretty after their opening night 1-0 win over Airbus UK, which was followed by last Friday's 3-1 success at Afan Lido.

Victory at Lido avenged a defeat in the corresponding game last term and Darlington admits it's vital TNS sustain the early momentum and tighten their grip at the top of the table.

He said: "We must have created 15-20 chances in the Lido game, fully deserved the win and it was a good day at the office.

"The attitude was spot on, these are the games who really have to motivate yourself for as it is never easy going to these grounds, which we learned to our cost last season when we lost.

"We started off really well and, although we went behind, it was a really good and deserved win for us.

"We are now five points better off than they time last season, we are top of the league, but we need to maintain those standards and make sure we maintain the momentum."

Phil Baker faces a fitness check before the game with Prestatyn, while striker Mike Wilde could come into contention for a first appearance of the season following his knee problems.

COBRA call off opener

COBRA have called off their opening clash at home to Llangollen in the Welsh League division two (north) on Saturday as they have several players away at various events including a wedding.

It means their season will start on September 8 with a trip to Machynlleth.

This Saturday COBRA – who last week went down 22-10 in a friendly at Nant Conwy – will field a mix of second teamers and youth players for a pre-season match against Bishop's Castle.

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